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LOUIS F. BUDENZ, EDITOR, DAILY WORKER.

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CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY</b>			NADA WHITE CASWELL, nee Nada White; PEARL DORF; WILLIAM L. PATTERSON; LOUIS BUDENZ.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON presently located Grand Hotel, 5046 South Parkway, Chicago. NADA WHITE believed identical with NADA WHITE CASWELL, Teacher, Chicago public school residing at 8017 Paulina, Chicago. PEARL DORF, residence not ascertained but known to frequent office at Suite 812, 203 North Wabash. LOUIS BUDENZ formerly editor of Mid West Daily Record now believed located New York City, connected with Daily Worker.

**REFERENCE:** Bureau telegram dated July 11, 1940.

**DETAILS:** It is noted from reference telegram that WILLIAM L. PATTERSON was associated with the Mid West Daily Record and had recently been prosecuted in Chicago for contempt of court. Note should be made that at the present time the Mid West Daily Record is not being published due to a lack of subscriptions and lack of funds to carry on the project. With reference to the contempt case, this arose as a result of the attempts of the C.I.O. Union in Chicago through the International Labor Defense to fight the injunction against the Chicago Newspaper Guild which went on strike against the first newspapers in Chicago on December 5, 1938. The injunction was secured in February, 1939 in the Cook County Superior Court before Superior Court Judge LUPE. As a result of the activities of three men; namely, LOUIS BUDENZ, formerly editor of the Mid West Daily Record and now associated with the Daily Worker; WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, of the International Labor Defense

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and ROBERT WIRTZ, Sec'y of the International Labor Defense, these men were held in contempt of court.

Contact was made with MR. HARRY JUNG, Honorary General Manager of the American Vigilant Intelligence Federation, Inc., room 2211, Tribune Tower, Chicago, Illinois, who made available a copy of a pamphlet published by the BUDENZ-PATTERSON-WIRTZ Defense Committee; published in March, 1940, upon which circular is printed the pictures of these three men. It is noted from the picture of PATTERSON that he is identical with WILLIAM L. PATTERSON who is the subject of a case entitled WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Internal Security, Chicago file No. 100-1, and whose address was previously given as 5046 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

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With reference to LOUIS BUDENZ, MR. JUNG advised that this person had been in Chicago; that he was known to have been a teacher or instructor in the Workers School, 208 North Wells Street, and at 231 South Wells Street, but is presently believed to be in either Milwaukee or St. Louis but was definite that he was no longer situated in Chicago, Illinois.

No information could be secured concerning BUDENZ from Lt. MAKE MILLS, in charge of the Industrial Squad, Chicago Police Dept.

Negative information is likewise received from COL. THOMAS R. GOWENLOCK, Ambassador East Hotel, Civilian Aide to the Chief of Staff of the 6th Corps Area.

Through Confidential Informant Post Guard, it was ascertained that LOUIS BUDENZ had been transferred from Chicago to New York and is now associated with the editing of the Daily Worker. In this connection, it should be noted that the Daily Worker under date of July 20, 1940 on page 6 carries a column entitled "100 Per Cent Union by Louis Budenz".

Relative to the background of BUDENZ, a memorandum compiled by the American Vigilant Intelligence Federation dated June 14, 1929 was secured from HARRY A. JUNG and same is being transmitted as an enclosure with copies of this report to the Bureau.

With reference to PEARL DORF, who is listed as a member of the Communist Party, Unit 128, and International Fireplug Garment Workers Union, Local 100, negative information was secured as a

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result of contacts made with Confidential Informant H, Confidential Informant Post Guard, Lt. MAKE HEDIS, Industrial Squad, Chicago Police Department and COL. THOMAS R. GOWENLOCK. At a subsequent date, HARRY JONE of the American Vigilant Intelligence Federation, advised the only information he has been able to secure concerning DORF is that she is located with the Chicago Civil Liberties Committee, 203 North Wabash. She was not known to any of his informants, but was described as follows:

Height	5'3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Weight	125
Dress	Usually wearing a tan sweater dress with white shoes

Discreet inquiries of MR. JOHN J. RYAN, Manager of the Building at 203 North Wabash failed to elicit any information concerning the identity or whereabouts of ELEANOR DORF. In this connection, note should be made that the People's Federation for Peace which is located in the same office as the committee to defend America by Keeping Out of War shows one ELEANOR as executive sec'y; however, at this time it is not known whether ELEANOR and ELEANOR DORF are one and the same persons.

Through the office of MR. WILLIAM D. POORE, room 36, Chicago Board of Education, Builder's Building, Chicago, Illinois, it was ascertained that there was no person known as NADA WHITE, a teacher in a Chicago public school system, but that in all probability the person referred to was NADA WHITE who has been married for the past four years and whose marriage name is MRS. JAC. LEE. She is on the teaching staff of the Roster School, 6936 Hermitage, and resides with her husband at 8017 Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Inquiries in the vicinity of 8017 Paulina Street revealed that there is a person known as NADA WHITE who is a teacher and who was suspected of radical ideas and activities. In all probability, this is the same person referred to in reference telegram as NADA WHITE.

ENCLOSURE: Memorandum dated June 14, 1929 to Bureau.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK OFFICE at New York City, will make effort to ascertain the present residence address of LOUIS CUDENZ reported to be associated on the staff of the Daily Worker.



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At Chicago, Illinois, will continue to make contact with Confidential Informant Post Guard, COI. THOMAS R. SCWENLOCH and HENRI JUNE for information regarding the whereabouts of PEARL DORT.

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MEMORANDUM ON  
LOUIS FUDENS  
COMPILED BY THE AMERICAN  
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Louis F. Fudens was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1891. Educated at parochial school, Jesuit College, Indianapolis Law School, and was admitted to the Bar in 1912. He edited "The Carpenter", official organ of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, 1912-14; was associate director of the Central Bureau, St. Louis, 1914-15; secretary, St. Louis Civic League, 1915-16; publicity director of American Civil Liberties Union, 1920-21; co-operated in organizing the St. Louis street railway strike, 1917; directed fight for public ownership of street railways and utilities in St. Louis, 1918-19. He has contributed articles to the communist newspaper, the "Daily Worker"; is an organizer of the communist news-gathering agency, "The Federated Press"; was a member of the Joint Committee for Pacifist Defense; Conference for Progressive Political Action; is now a member of the two communist subsidiary organizations, the All-American Anti-Imperialist League and the National Council for the Protection of Foreign Born Workers.

The "Labor Age" magazine was founded about 1928 and Fudens became managing editor. It is a radical "left wing" socialist publication used primarily to attack the American Federation of Labor and to promote a "progressive" socialist policy.

During the Pacifist Textile Strike, known as the communist "insurrection" that took place in 1928, Fudens was very active in supporting Albert Weisbord, director-general of the communist textile program, and in defying constituted authority.

The American Civil Liberties Union weekly Bulletin #228 of November 12, 1935, announced the organization of a "Joint Committee for Pacifist Defense" and stated:

"This committee will assume the direction and the financial support of cases now pending in the New Jersey courts. Included are the cases of Albert Weisbord, under indictment for seditious utterances and of several strikers against the civil authorities for false arrest and atrocious assault."

A letterhead (in our files) lists the names of thirty-four members of the Committee, nine of whom are communists; the rest, including Louis Fudens, are either communist sympathizing members of the American Civil Liberties Union or other organizations of similar character.

Fudens, writing editorially in the August 1935 issue of "Labor Age" on "The Next War", states:

"The... imperialism - whether of America or any other country... will... its..."

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"Does it not seem time for the workers over the world to join hands to smash this Militarism? Does it not seem that we should determine not to be killed for the Oil Mastery of the world? It is not without reason that the American Federation of Labor is fighting the latest attempt to Prussianize America through universal conscription at the will of the President. It is not without reason that the International Federation of Trade Unions has begun its 'War against War'."

Budenz was active in the Passaic Textile Strike known as the communist "first lesson in revolution".

An article "Union Wins Jersey Free Speech" appearing in "St. Louis Labor" of November 6, 1928, (socialist weekly newspaper), stated:

"As a result of police interference with a meeting at which Albert Weisbord, former Passaic strike leader, was scheduled to speak, the American Civil Liberties Union staged a free speech test in Elizabeth, N.J., October 27, in response to a telegram from the Union and a letter from Louis F. Budenz, editor of Labor Age, denouncing the raid and demanding police protection. Mayor John F. Leahy officially authorized the free speech meeting."

Robert Dunn, a national committeeman of the Union, Louis Budenz and Bishop Paul Jones spoke on "Free Speech", and William Weisbord gave the address he was prevented from delivering by the raid.

Weisbord is the director of textile organization work for the Communist Party. Robert F. Dunn is a communist and Bishop Paul Jones is the former Bishop of Utah, deposed because of his anti-American activities during the World War. He is also chairman of the pro-communist "Fellowship of Reconciliation".

In "Labor Age" of October 1928 Budenz, in an article "Industrial Unionism vs. Company Unionism", condemns the industrial relations plan of industry known as "company unions" and makes out a case for industrial, or "One Big Union", the union of the Industrial Workers of the World and the type of union now being organized by communists.

In the "Daily Worker" of September 10, 1928, an article by Budenz was published under the caption of "West Virginia Open Shop Drive Against Miner Union Fought Under Conditions of Civil War". The "Daily Worker" is the official daily newspaper of the Communist Party and only articles favorable to Communism appear therein.

On April 15, 1927, Budenz was one of the featured speakers at a gigantic Sacco-Vanzetti rally held in New York City, speaking from the same platform with the communists Scott Nearing, Charles Kiss, Ludwig Lore, Richard B. Moore (negro), W.B. Steinstone, Bertram B. Wolfe and James P. Cannon. Bishop Paul Jones and Ferret Bailey were also among the speakers.

It is also significant that "Labor Age", the magazine of which Budenz has been managing editor for a period of years, features articles by Robert F. Dunn, communist, and Arthur Calhoun, an instructor at Brockwood Labor College and also an instructor at the Communist Party School in New York City who was denounced by the A. F. of L. recently as a communist and who denied being a member of the Communist Party but stated that he enjoyed communism.

For a number of years John Brophy, communist candidate for president of the United Mine Workers of America in opposition to John L. Lewis, was a director of the Labor Publication Society, Inc., publishers of "Labor Age". It is noticeable that the majority of the directors and officials of this organization are outstandingly "left wing" socialists or communist aids.

In the June 1927 issue of "Labor Age", Budenz writes again on industrial unionism in an editorial captioned "Why Industrial Unionism". As has been pointed out, industrial unions are the organizations being formulated today by the communists. In this editorial Budenz states in part:

"To fight the great trusts in this field (basic industries) with craft unions is mere folly. It cannot be done successfully. It is not being done successfully. Industrial unionism, on a departmental basis, is the thing that will make an appeal to the men and oppose a great united labor front to the united front of the giant corporations."

Other brief sentences from this editorial that are strikingly communitistic are:

"One union in one industry - to combat one corporation group."

"Industrial unionism alone can be counted on to organize the unorganized from under these circumstances."

"Intelligent daring always attracts a following; apology, very seldom."

"Painst heart never organized great bodies of men and women."

"But industrial unionism will aid to give that confidence in victory, which cannot but be contagious."

In June 1927 Budenz started a series of articles attacking William C. Robin and his Acet Silk textile mills in Indianapolis, president of which is J. A. Goodman. These articles attacking the manufacturers of Acet Silk products continued throughout 1927.

On June 26, 1927 Budenz and a colleague of his, Irving Freeman, were arrested in Newark, N.J. as the feature speakers at a Sacco-Vanzetti rally. The "Newark Ledger" of June 28, 1927, stated in part:

"Shouting 'Sacco and Vanzetti must be free', Louis F. Budenz, editor of Labor Age, New York, and 1924 manager of the LaFollette-Wheeler campaign here, clambered up the concrete rampart surrounding the Monument of All Wars and began denunciation of 'Massachusetts Justice'. The police armed, under Sergeant Emil Schmidt, advanced under orders to prevent the meeting for which the permit had been revoked. As he declared loudly on 'Our right to free speech', Budenz was led away by the officers."

Freeman, the associate of Budenz in this arrest, was representing the communist news-gathering agency, the Federated Press.

In "Labor Age" of December 1921, Budenz in an article "Organizing the Unorganized" set forth the following three articles of policy in connection with union organization work:



"1. Upon organization, do not strike immediately but take time to educate the men and women to what unionism is. Do this by plant bulletins or magazines, and by frequent letters.

"2. Secure the co-operation of liberal men and women in sending letters or lessons in freedom to the workers.

"3. Let the workers understand, as well as possible, the relation of their problems and situation to that of workers in the rest of the industry. If possible, have letters of greeting sent to them from union groups, in other cities, filled with inspiration and with facts on the industrial situation. Anti-union employers are always busy in keeping the truth from the workers, or in presenting it in false colors. The unorganized worker is always eager for new information that has been denied him."

In "Labor Age" of February 1928, Budenz in an article "An Appeal for Uncommon Sense" advocates a revival "down at the roots" and suggests the following program in connection with such a revival:

"1. An appeal in stirring and definite terms to the ideal of the workers. We must make them feel their power. We must approach them no longer in an apologetic tone. We must make them see that their great goal is workers' control, with halts and truces along the way, but nevertheless headed toward more and more power.

"2. The old head-over of jurisdictional disputes must be wiped out. Everywhere that one goes, the inter-union battle over jurisdiction has led to an injury to workers' morale. Closer unity toward federation in some instances and outright industrial unionism in the factory industries is an imperative necessity. It cannot be delayed.

"3. There must be a carefully worked-out campaign among the young workers. They are our great hope. They are looking at the new conditions and growing up with them. We must think in their terms and in that way make them think in the way of organization. It is the young workers who will decide the future of the American Labor Movement.

"4. More attention should be paid the unskilled and semi-skilled. An educational campaign among the skilled to make them realize the value of organizing the unskilled is a crying need. Mass Production is reducing the number of skilled workers to a minimum."

Note in particular the emphasis Budenz places upon the "young workers who will decide the future of the American Labor Movement". This is identical with communist objectives.

As usual with all "left wing" socialists, Budenz strictly denies any appreciation of communism. The reason for this is that there is an apparent breach between communism and socialism because the communists have stolen the "thunder" of the socialists appropriating the socialists of today to seek a middle ground for the purpose of their doctrines. Both socialists and communists claim Karl Marx and his theories as their very own. It is significant, however, that wherever a revolutionary labor dispute of any consequence takes place, both socialists and communists work hand-in-glove for a common aim, namely, the breakdown of the present industrial system.

In February 1938 a dispute arose between the Allen-A hosiery officials at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and their employees over the refusal of the management to recognize the American Federation of Full-Fashioned Hosiery Workers.

Rudenz was immediately contacted for by the hosiery workers' federation as a professional agitator and organizer to take charge of the strike.

This break in the ranks of Kenosha labor was featured in the "Daily Worker", official communist daily newspaper.

It was immediately under the tutelage of Rudenz that violence became prevalent and in a month's time a number of arrests had been made for violation of an injunction obtained by the management of the Allen-A mills. Rudenz was among those arrested for contempt of court for violating the injunction. Urged on by Rudenz, the strikers continued to violate the injunction, causing wholesale arrests of pickets.

In "Labor Age" of April, 1938 appeared an article by Rudenz attacking the Allen-A mills management and scoffing at charges of communism in connection with this strike. He also dwelled upon the injunction making light of the violence employed by the strikers.

The Young Workers (Communist) League immediately commenced communist agitation among the Allen-A strikers. Benjamin Sklar, Milwaukee organizer of the Communist Party, in an article in the April 28, 1938 issue of the "Daily Worker", lauded the "fighting spirit" worthy of the best traditions of the American Labor Movement of the young men and women involved in the hosiery workers' strike.

The "Daily Worker" of May 17, 1938 published an article from a "Worker Correspondent" (name not given) relative to a big strike demonstration meeting held on May 18 which was preceded by a parade through the business section of Kenosha. After citing a few points of Rudenz's address in a critical manner, the correspondent wrote:

"At this point in the open air demonstration there arrived a group of young workers from Milwaukee and Chicago who belonged to the Young Workers League of America. They joined the crowd of over ten thousand or more workers holding a tall banner that was applauded by the mass of workers present. The banner depicted an injustice document with a policeman in the center holding a club in his left hand. His right hand pointed to a group of strikers. The caption above the policeman read: 'Don't talk, sing, or look cock-eyed at a cock.' On the other side of the huge poster were the words: Young Workers League of America. As the sign was on a very tall pole it was seen by everyone present at the gathering."

In the May 30, 1938 issue of the "Daily Worker" appeared another article captioned "Demand All Day Mass Picketing to Win Strike" which reproduced an open letter to the striking workers of Allen-A, urging the strikers to join up with the communists and setting forth the following communist demands for the workers:

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"2. Call out on strike all unorganized workers who are at present employed in the Allen-A Co.

"3. Immediate withdrawal of the \$25,000 guarantee made by the union to the Allen-A Co. The union must not guarantee a cent to the Allen-A that the workers will speed-up and produce as much with one machine as with two. There must be no speed-up!

"4. No agreement with the Allen-A Co. unless they accept the closed shop where only union workers will be employed.

"5. An 8-hour day, a 5-day week.

"6. Two weeks vacation with pay.

"7. A party of, by, and for the workers, a Labor Party.

"YOUNG WORKERS LEAGUE OF AMERICA."

As communist agitation grew in the Allen-A strike, violence also increased and the use of firearms and bombs became more common.

Samuel A. Herman, a Chicago member of the Young Workers (Communist) League who received part of his radical education at Hull House in Chicago, became the leader of the communist activities in Kenosha and underwent arrest a number of times.

In "Labor Age" of August 1938, Budenz, in an article captioned "Kenosha, a Symbol", states relative to the locked out hosiery workers:

"Young America on the industrial field has yet to be called to battle for freedom. The movement is more and more coming to realize that it is precisely among this group that the future of industrial democracy lies. We know from Kenosha that the call to the young is a task full of promise and victory."

In the same article Budenz also touched upon a meeting held in the radical City Club of Chicago under the chairmanship of William H. Kelly, law partner of Clarence Darrow, both of whom are members of the communist subsidiary organizations as is Budenz himself.

Another most significant statement emanating from Budenz appeared in the "Chicago Daily News" of August 27, 1938 in an article captioned "Youth Militant Hoses Strikers". In this article Frank A. Mothers, staff correspondent of the "News", states:

"Even the leader of the strike joins with the atmosphere of youth. He is Louis Francis Budenz of New York, editor of Labor Age, a contributor to The Nation, a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, an attorney and a leader in many labor and liberal causes. Though not a member of the federation, he was sent here by the national headquarters in Philadelphia.

"A short, slender man in the thirties, with a composed face but eyes that fire up with animation when he talks, and a voice that booms out when he wants it to, Budenz raps for order on a table and shouts for quiet. The quiet comes, attentive silence.

"Looking around the gathering, in a large, neat assembly room, you see lots of girls with sport coats, red dresses, silk stockings and boyish bob; boys in collegiate sweaters and many in perfectly pressed suits. There are girls in aprons and house dresses also, and boys in working clothes. But the well-dressed have the majority and the good-looking ones have it, too.

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"Badenz speaks of the refusal of the Allen-A company to submit to arbitration. From his audience come sounds not infrequently heard on college campuses but not so well looked upon by deans of men and women. There are boos and hundreds of cat-calls. Nor are the faces so pleasant as before. They are bitter and defiant. The strike is a game with them - but a bitter game after all.

"The general executive committee of the strike," says Badenz, "has decided to conduct a nationwide arbitration campaign. For one thing, we'll ask every candidate for office in Wisconsin if a company that refuses to arbitrate is representative of Wisconsin thought."

The influence of the agitation of the communists and Badenz upon the strikers is indicated in the reporter's characterization of the faces of the strikers as bitter and derisive.

Badenz and his allies, the communists, using the cases of young strikers under arrest for violation of the injunction and for participation in radical outbreaks, have resorted to "sob stuff", featuring pictures of these young men and women as going to jail happily for a cause when in reality they are being prepared unconditionally for communion. The strikers, in some instances, were aroused to such depths as to go on hunger strikes in order to gain publicity for their cause and at the same time by so doing, run a serious chance of injuring their health permanently.

A "Chicago Tribune" report of September 22nd announced the sixteenth bombing of the strike.

In connection with one of the many bombings that have taken place during the strike, a report from the "Chicago Daily Journal" of October 5, 1936 announced that Lawrence Schilling was arrested and confessed to the throwing of a bomb and "when taken from his bed at 4 A.M. admitted that the bombings were directed from headquarters of the knitting employees' union and that in at least one instance, a bomb was made in the rear room of the headquarters. Schilling is quoted as follows:

"On the night of July 31 I went to union headquarters with my wife and I met a man named Louis Williams who had a black powder bomb wrapped up in a package under his arm. Williams said that the bomb was made there in the back room and that he was going to Winthrop Harbor to blow up a house. . . . That night the home of A.B. Bryant of Winthrop Harbor was bombed. Three strikebreakers lived at his place."

Thus we have Badenz involved in the deliberate use of violence and the manufacture of bombs in strike headquarters.

In the "Chicago Tribune" of September 29, 1936 appears an article relative to one of the Allen-A employees being kidnapped by strikers and tarred. One Earl M. Steele was named as a confederate in this tarring. Relative to this the "Tribune" states:

"Steele was found in the room of Louis Badenz, editor of Labor Age and a prominent figure in the organization of the strikers. Badenz was also an organizer of the textile strike at Passaic, N.J. . . . a long sanction of regular . . . because . . . were communists."



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Of course, Budenz quite naturally denied any connection with the bombings and charged that they were committed by thugs and criminals.

Steele, who was arrested in the rooms of Budenz, had been arrested several times before during the strike but had escaped conviction. Budenz, of course, upheld Steele and alibied for him by saying that he was not in town when the kidnapping occurred.

The "Chicago Tribune" of November 11, 1938, in an article relative to the strike situation in Kenosha, described Budenz as follows:

"A propagandist, Budenz describes himself. He was sent here by the Executive Committee of the American Federation of Full-Fashioned Hosiery Workers. He was a Laacco-Venaretti speaker in New York. He organized the All-American Anti-Imperialist League to oppose United States intervention in Nicaragua. He is a member of the American Civil Liberties Union."

In a circular recently issued by the "Federated Press", the communist news-gathering agency, we find the name of Louis Budenz with other communist aide and sympathizers as one of the endorers of that organization.

In the "Chicago Tribune" of August 3, 1938 Thomas Iren, writing on the alien-1 strike, stated as follows:

"One of the features of this strike is that the men out are young, all 18 to 28 years old. Most of them have high school educations, about 5 per cent are college men. When they attend a strike meeting it looks, with the Oxford bags and collegiate shirts, more like a meeting on the campus than a union meeting."

"Standing on the sidelines while a protégé of his was speaking, at one of these usual meetings, Budenz pointed all this out."

"Here," he said, "you have the new type of American industrial worker. These are the men who are ushering in a new industrial era in this country. They will lead more fury in industrial disputes than the foreign type class of wage earners."

"The importance of the Kenosha situation is demonstrated by the fact that William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, recently came and remained for several days studying it."

Here again we have Budenz in a very significant statement which is purely communistic, showing that he has been inciting the Kenosha strikers to "fury" which is responsible for the violence that has been taking place during this strike.

"Kenosha News" from an issue of the week of May 20th, 1939, stated that Budenz had been elected as a delegate to the International Labor Conference to be held in Paris, France, during the middle of July.

An announcement of a meeting of the newly organized Conference for Progressive Labor Action (which was formed by A.J. Kasta, Dean of Brookwood Labor College and other of the ultra-radicals of socialism) appeared in the "New

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has for the first time made anti-imperialist  
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imperialism is that it has entered the field of active  
operation with the oppressed peoples of American imper-  
most important sign in this connection being the success-  
ation of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League. . . .

"Our Party was largely instrumental in the or-  
ganization of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League, which alth-  
ough organized only a few months ago and still in its initial stages, has  
aroused a real response in Latin-America, despite the miserably  
small funds which we were able to put into this work. The All-Am-  
Anti-Imperialist League was endorsed by the Comintern and the Pro-  
fintern. . . . " (Underlining ours).

Mr. Budenz's name appears upon a letterhead of the  
Anti-Imperialist League dated April 11, 1938, as a member of the Board,  
the majority of which are communists and the balance of which are in-  
famous for their communist sympathies.

This primarily refutes all claims of Mr. Budenz  
that he does not endorse or approve of communism inasmuch as the All-  
Imperialist League is a direct communist subsidiary organized by the  
United States, the directing officers of which are communists acting  
from the Party.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> No additional information secured concerning whereabouts of LOUIS BUDENZ.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent RICHARD J. ZMESKAL, Chicago, Illinois, dated July 26, 1940.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> The title in this case is being changed to eliminate NADA WHITE CASWELL, with alias, who is the subject of a separate file, to eliminate PEARL DORF, and to eliminate WILLIAM L. PATTERSON.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>At Chicago, Illinois.</u></p> <p>The writer has telephonically communicated with MR. HARRY JUNG, honorary general manager of the American Vigilante Intelligence Federation, Tribune Tower, and with Lieutenant MAKE MILLS, head of the Industrial Squad, Chicago Police Department, but they have stated that they have secured no further information concerning LOUIS BUDENZ and as far as they know he is not in Chicago and perhaps is presently located in New York City.</p> <p><b>UNDEVELOPED LEAD:</b> THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION, <u>at New York City.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">* Will make effort to ascertain the present residence of LOUIS BUDENZ, reported to be associated on the staff of the Daily Worker.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PENDING.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. S. Devereaux</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>J. S. Devereaux</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">6-3-86 3042 1/2 B</div>
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February 15, 1941

Special Agent in Charge

Chicago, Illinois

Re:

LOUIS BULWITZ;  
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of \_\_\_\_\_  
requesting that the division of origin be changed in the above en-  
titled case. January 18, 1941,

You are hereby authorized to designate \_\_\_\_\_  
as the division of origin.

New York City

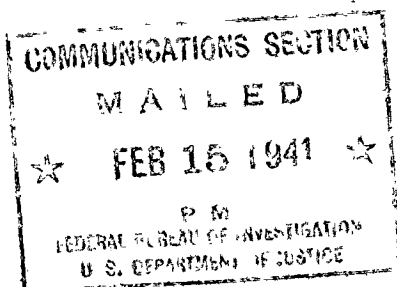
Upon receipt of this communication, you are requested to  
carefully check your file and make certain that the new division of  
origin has all serials in the case containing important data.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc New York



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Chicago, Illinois

January 18, 1941

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: LOUIS BUDENZ  
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

Your attention is respectfully directed to the reports of Special Agent RICHARD J. ZMESKAL of Chicago dated July 26, 1940 and October 15, 1940 wherein information is contained to the effect that the subject is believed to be located in New York City.

It is respectfully requested that the office of origin be changed from Chicago to New York City.

Very truly yours,

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BUDENZ, LOUIS F.

COMMUNIST

35 E. 12th St.,

New York, New York (1940) 1/29/41

Born 1891, Indianapolis; publicity director of American Civil Liberties Union, 1920-21; cooperated in organizing the St. Louis railway strike, 1917; has contributed articles to the Communist newspaper, the "Daily Worker"; is an endorser of the Communist news-gathering agency, "The Federated Press"; a member of the two Communist subsidiary organizations, the All-America Anti-Imperialist League and The National Council for the Protection of Foreign Born Workers; was very active in 1926 in supporting the Passaic Textile Strike, known as the Communist "lesson in revolution"; contributed articles against capital for the "Labor Age" and the "Daily Worker", the official daily newspaper of the C.P.; was one of featured speakers Apr. 15, 1927 at Sacco-Vanzetti rally in NYC; was active in strike of Allen-A Hosiery factory in Feb. 1928 at Kenosha, Wisconsin, which strike was strongly Communistic. (American Vigilant Intelligence Federation; 6/14/29; 100-63-2; 2/7/22, 61-122-22)

Publicity Director of the American Civil Liberties Union in 1920. (Memo dated 10/4/37; 61-7559-485)

In Oct. 1921 was member Executive Committee, American Civil Liberties Union. (Nov. 1921; 61-122-8)

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BUDENZ, LOUIS F.

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Executive Secretary and Manager of the "Labor Age" a radical magazine published in N.Y.  
(5/29/22; 61-34-34, p.6)

Reported as a probable speaker at the League for Industrial Democracy Annual conference held on 6/-25-38/25 at Forest Park, Pa. (SA Geo. J. Starr, 6-29-25, 61-524-43) Managing Editor; Labor Age (S.A. Geo. J. Starr 4-2-25; 61-524-40) Elected member Board of Directors L.I.D. (Geo. J. Starr 5/14/25; 61-524-42)

On a handbill captioned "All America Anti-Imperialist League", he is listed as a member of the Provisional N.Y. Committee which criticizes Mr. Hughes at the Pan American Conference at Havana saying that Hughes defended the actions of Wall Street and Wash. in Nicaragua, Haiti, etc and that U.S. is now facing crisis of imperialism inevitably leading to World War. The league sponsors independence of these Countries and recall of U.S. forces from Latin America. (Leaflet in file; 1928; 61-6065-26)

In 1928 was organizer, Knitgoods Workers Union. (Leaflet in file; 3/24/28; 61-6065-26)

Prior to 1936 attended meetings of the Political Bureau of the C.P. whenever vital questions affecting the policy of the Daily Worker were to be discussed. Was C.P. contact man with John Brophy of the CIO. (James S. Glaser, 2181 Barnes Ave., Bronx, N.Y.,

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former managing Editor of the Daily Worker; 6/17/40; 61-7559-8895 pages 36,37)

Labor Editor of the Daily Worker, formerly well known strike organizer, in movement about 12-14 years. (Unknown outside source; 9/17/36; 61-7564-19)

Listed as a lecturer on special topics at Brookwood Labor College, Katonah, N.Y., a left wing school devoted to training radical agitators. (61-7568-3-18, page 17)

Author of article, "A.F. of L. Unity is Threatened by the Executive Council", which appeared in the Sept. 1936 issue of "The Communist". (61-7552-35)

One of the 1936 C.P. presidential electors for the State of New York. (61-7559-446)

Scheduled to speak at an Election Rally 10/14/36 in New York as C.P. candidate for assembly 10 A.D. Other speakers listed were Max Bedacht, C.P. candidate for Congress, and Robert Minor, C.P. candidate for Governor. (Leaflet in file; 61-7559-270X)

Member of Trade Union Committee for the election of Israel Amter for president of the Board of Alderman at New York City. (Leaflet in file; 11/2/36; 61-7559-372)

BUDENZ, LOUIS F.

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Author of article "A. F. of L. Unity is Threatened by the Executive Committee" which appeared in the Nov. 1936 issue of "The Communist" (Copy in file 61-7559-3508)

Attended A.F. of L. Convention at Tampa, Fla., late 1936, at which Communists are alleged to have inaugurated a campaign of 'Boring within the A.F. of L.' (Unknown outside source; 12/8/36; 61-7559-1029)

Wrote article for 1/19/37 issue of the Daily Worker entitled "Trotsky's Order for Violence Revealed," which article accuses Max Eastman of being the outstanding Trotskyite. Article also outlines Maurice Spector's activities in the Trotsky cause. (61-7559-1046).

In six issues of "The Catholic News" from 1/16/37 to 2/20/37 Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen answered a lengthy article by Budenz in the Daily Worker, Monsignor Sheen's reply is titled "Communism Answers Questions of a Communist". (New York Letter, 3/9/37; 61-7559-1137)

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Scheduled to speak on "The Labor Struggles of 1936-37" at NYC on 2/5/37 (Daily Worker, 2/5/37, 61-7559-1050X2)

Scheduled to speak in Wash., D.C. under auspices of C.P. of Wash. on 2/14/37 on "The Truth About the Moscow Trials" (Daily Worker, 2/12/37, 61-7559-1154X18)

Item announcing that he will write article on "A Company Union Town - How to Smash Through It" and describing him as a trade union expert and will give the "low-down" on feudal industrial control. (Daily Worker 2/13/37; 61-7559; 1154X19)

Scheduled to speak at a mass meeting on "Trotsky - Agent of Fascism" (Daily Worker 2/18/37; 61-7559-1075X23)

Author of an article which sets out the record of the Irish in the American Labor Fight. (Daily Worker; 3/17/37; 61-7559-1224)

Author of pamphlet "May Day 1937 - What it means to you" published by the Workers Library Publishers. (Copy in file; 61-7559-2-187)

BUDENZ, LOUIS F.

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Listed as a member of the faculty of the Spring term of the Workers School, 35 E.12-St., NYC (Daily Worker, 3/30/37; 61-7558-95X).

Member of the staff of the Daily Worker. Photo. (Daily Worker 5/1/37; 61-7559-1414X).

Wrote article entitled "Shall Catholics be Delivered to Black Legionism and K.K.K.?" Wherein he attacks Father E. L. Curran for the latter's attack on Communism as an evil and states "We Communists offer you cooperation in the fight for liberty, etc" and "The C.P. is fighting for American democracy and for its extension." (Daily Worker 7/9/37; 61-7559-1546X4).

Scheduled to make the main report at a conference of 1000 non-Party trade unionists, NYC, the meeting being called for the purpose of considering methods of establishing a non-Party trade union quota for the Daily Sunday Worker \$120,000 drive. (Daily Worker 9/9/37; 61-7559-1761X11).

Author of article, "Red Baiting Is the Enemy of Trade Unionism - An Answer to Trade Unionism and Open Shoppers", (Daily Worker; 9/16/37; 61-7562-62X5)

Communist Party candidate for office of Assemblyman 10th Assembly District, New York County, but withdrew 9/30/37 with 55 other Communist candidates in favor of American Labor Party nominees. (Daily Worker, 10/1/37; 61-7559-1825X; 8/28/37; 61-7559-1683X7).

BUDENZ, LOUIS F.

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/ In Oct. 1937 published a pamphlet entitled "Red Baiting" in defense of Communism. (61-7559-2-326; 10/15/37; 61-7559-1887; 61-7559-4997)

Announcing that Budenz, formerly editorial board member of the Daily Worker, took over new duties in Chicago for publication of mid-west peoples newspaper of which he is to be editor-in-chief. Special fund raised by C.P. to finance paper. (Daily Worker 11/20/37; 61-7559-2952X27)

Editor of "Labor Age" published at 112 East 19th St., New York City; head of the "Conference for Progressive Labor Action". (Unknown outside source, 12/22/37; 61-7559-2935)

Editor of pamphlet "Save Your Union" published by Workers Library Publishers. (Copy in file; 61-7559-2-1221)

Scheduled to speak at Lenin Memorial Meeting 1/28/38 at Akron, Ohio on "Lenin's Heritage and Labor's Right to Work", in connection with the C.P. Fund and recruiting drive. (Daily Worker; 1/22/38, 1/24/38; 61-7559-2952X37,X38)

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Delivered main address on the subject "Will You Work Tomorrow" at the Lenin Memorial Meeting held in Feb. 1938 by the C.P. of Toledo. (Daily Worker; 2/3/38; 61-7559-2945X21)

Spoke on 3/5/38 to a crowd of about 500 persons at a meeting in Detroit on an occasion given over to the greeting of the new Communistic paper, "Midwest Daily Record, of which he is Editor-in-Chief. (Charles F. Dexter, 5179 Maxwell Ave., Detroit, Mich.; 4/20/38; 54-603-4; 61-7559-8222 page 19)

At Fourth Missouri-Arkansas district convention of the C.P. at St. Louis, Mo. 5/20/38, Budenz brought greetings of the "Central Committee. (Midwest Daily Record, 5/24/38; 61-7559-2833X page 22)

Discussed recruiting and circulation drive at 10th Natl. Convention of the C.P.; listed as editor of the Record. (Daily Worker 6/1/38; 61-7559-2817X4)

The afternoon session of the Natl. Convention of the C.P. in N.Y. City on 5/27/38 was called to order by Budenz. (Mr. Tompkins, Metuchen, N.J.; 61-7559-2931)

Spoke at the Chicago District Convention of the I.W.O. (Midwest Daily Record, 6/13/38; 61-7559-2908X)



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Attended Tenth National Convention of the Communist Party. (Unknown outside source, July, 1938; 61-7559-3063)

In 1938 was one of about nine men in charge of C.P. District #7 which covers the state of Illinois. (Unknown Outside Source; Sept. 1938; 61-7559-3172)

C.P. candidate for congress from 17th Congressional district N.Y.C. Member Daily Worker Staff. (D.W. 5/1/37 - Photo); C.P. candidate assemblyman, 10th A.D. NYC 1937. (D. W. 8/28/37); to edit new "Midwest Daily Record" (D.W. 1/7/38); brought to Missouri - Arkansas - Kansas District C.P. convention the greetings of the central Committee of the C.P. (M.D.R. 5/24/38). (Spec. Ag. G. J. Starr; 9/13/38; 61-7559-3142)

Editor of the Daily Record Oct. 1938. (Daily Record; 10/4/38; 61-7559-3276)

At a rally held in Milwaukee auditorium in Nov. 1938, Budenz enumerated the achievements of the Soviet Union over the past 21 years. (Daily Record; 11/9/38; 61-7559-3317XL3)

Scheduled to speak in Detroit on 1/22/39 on "Lenin and the Struggle for Social and National Security." (Daily Record 1/18/39; 61-7559-3504XL4)



UDENZ, LOUIS F.

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John C. Frey, of the A.F. of L. in testifying before Dies Comm., stated Louis Budenz was formerly organizer for the Full-fashioned Hosiery Workers Union, a C.I.O. affiliate and is now editor of Midwest Daily Record, a C.P. journal, published in Chicago. (Sunday Star, Wash., D. C. 8/14/38; 61-7582-9X2) (Dun and Bradstreet 2/1/39; 61-7590-250)

National officer of the C.P., Editor of the Midwest Daily Record and a member of the Staff of the Daily Worker. (Testimony of Walter S. Steele before the Dies Committee - Memo dated 2/10/39; 61-7582-66 pages 12,23; Leaflet in file; 61-7565-147)

Reviewed Wm. Z. Foster's book "Pages from a Workers Life" and recommended it to readers. (Daily Record 4/3/39; 61-7559-4073X8)

Issued circular letter soliciting subscriptions to the Daily Record 192 N. Clark St., Chicago and asking members to get one new reader. (Copy of letter 4/11/39; 61-7559-3655X).

Scheduled to make speech on "Thomas Jefferson, Fighter of Democracy" on 4/14/39. News-item also indicates he was a leader in the hospital workers strike at Kenosha, Wisc. in 1939; hosiery strike at Nazareth, Pa. in 1939; textile strike at Paterson, N.J. in 1931; and the Toledo Autolite strike of 1934. (Daily Record 4/14/39; 61-7559-4075X3)

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Former editor of the Midwest Daily Record, C.P. daily newspaper, and now associated with the Daily Worker; is known to have been a teacher at the Workers School, 208 No. Wells St., Chicago. (100-63-2; 100-96-2; 9/11/39; 61-165-16(a); 61-7559-10-2 page 38; Dun & Bradstreet, Chicago, 12/12/39; 61-7590-250)

As member of National Committee, C.P. addressed the Executive of the State Committee of the C.P. of Illinois on Sept. 19, 1939 at Chicago and made plea for strengthening of C.P. and an increase in circulation of Chicago Daily Record. (Asst. Chief of Staff G2, Chicago, 10/16/39; 61-7559-4922)

As Editor of the Daily Record was named in contempt of court proceedings by attorney of William Randolph Hearst in connection with strike of the Chicago Newspaper Guild. (Daily Record; 10/10/39; 61-7554-95X1)

Circulars issued by Intern. Labor Def. and C.P. claim that Freedom of Speech and Press threatened in Chicago and soliciting funds for defense of Budenz, Wm. L. Patterson and Bob Wirtz who were charged with violating an injunction against striking members of the Chicago Newspaper Guild in 1939 and for contempt of Court by criticizing the injunction which charges they allege arose out of their efforts to defend Bill of Rights, accuse Hearst as responsible for their persecution. (Circulars - Daily Record 10/19/39; 61-7554-95X1; 61-7559-7513X, 7718X, 5348X5)

BUDENZ, LOUIS F.

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Issued leaflet advertising a mass meeting on "Finland and the Soviet Union" on 12/11/39 under auspices of C.P. (Leaflet; 61-7559-5977)

Attended secret meeting of C.P. at 208 N. Wells St., Chicago wherein they discussed dissemination of propaganda to convert people to C.P., and justifying the Soviet Invasion of Finland. (Conf. Inf. N, Chicago, 12/22/39; 61-7559-6549)

Undated mimeographed letter asking for contributions to keep the "Daily Record" going signed "Louis F. Budenz, Editor," (61-7559-5099X)

Editor of the "Record Weekly" a Communist publication. (61-7590-583X1)

Was the main speaker at Camp Liberty, Michigan, a C.P. meeting on 7/5/36 (S.A. J. Sterling Adams 1/22/40; 54-603-45)

Author of pamphlet "Red Baiting, Enemy of Labor"; (S.A. F. L. Welch, Seattle; 1/24/40; 61-7559-6502X1; 61-7559-4092, 6538)

BUDENZ, LOUIS F.

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Placed on Natl. Campaign Committee of the C.P. at the Natl. Committee Meeting on 2/17-18/40 at NYC to sponsor Earl Browder and J. W. Ford (Conf. Inf. "Jack", 61-7779-36) (N.Y. Times 2/19/40; 61-7559-6939X3). Member Natl. Comm. of C.P. and Editor Daily Record. (Capt. G. Carpenter G-2, Chicago; 61-7559-4701) (Capt. Nixon ONI.; 3/20/40; 61-7559-7238)

At Communist Party meetings of the Aircraft Squad and Workers Alliance in San Diego, Calif., elected to the National Campaign Committee to handle the party efforts in the coming election. (General R. H. Van Deman, Retired Army Officer, G-2, 3/22/40; 61-7559-7259; 61-7562-113)

Scheduled as "Member, National Committee, Communist Party, USA" to discuss the current war situation at a mass meeting 4/19/40 at Astoria, N.Y., held under the auspices of the Communist Party. (Leaflet in file; 61-7559-8034)

Author of pamphlet, "May Day 1940" published by Workers Library Publishers. (Copy in file; 61-7559-2-1147)

Scheduled to be principal speaker at the 1940 May Day rally to be held under the auspices of the Essex County Communist Party and Newark, N.J. (Daily Worker; 4/27/40; 5/3/40; 61-7559-A)

BUDENZ, LOUIS F.

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Author of pamphlet "Save Your Union" dated May 1940, explaining the meaning of the "Anti-Trust Persecution of Labor". (Copy in file; 61-7559-7917, 9156)

Meets with other leading Communists at Old Daily Record Office at 1952 $\frac{1}{2}$  North Halsted St., Chicago (Conf. Inf. N. 5/22/40; 61-7559-7857)

Elected at the Ill. State Convention of the C.P. as a delegate to the Natl. Convention of the C.P. at which time Earl Browder was nominated Communist Candidate for President. (Unknown outside source, 5/23/40; 100-2-19)

Closely associated with Morris Backall, sabotage leader. (ONI, Chicago, June 1940, 100-2-18, page 105)

With Gene Dennis, Oakly Johnson, and Paul Novick, author of "The Communist". (Copy in file; 7/18/40; 61-10372-1)

Member of the Executive Board of Freedom of the Press, Inc., publisher of the Daily Worker. (Daily Worker; 8/1/40; 61-7559-A)

BUDENZ, LOUIS F.

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Formerly a leader of the Trotsky faction of the C.P. (N.Y. Evening Journal American; 8/2/40; 61-7559-9866X)

Attended meeting of State Bureau of C.P. of Illinois and a group of invited trade unionists 8/10/40 at the Workers School, Chicago. (Unknown outside source, 8/12/40; 61-7559-10374)

At C.P. conclave held in South Bend, Ind. Sept. 6,7,8 and 9, 1940, members were told to return to Chicago and obtain jobs in industry, naming three plants in particular, and make layouts of these plants and send same to Budenz in NYC as soon as completed. (C.S. Craigmile, Vice Pres. of Belden Manufacturing Co. 4647 W. Van Buren St., Chicago, 9/18/40; 61-7559-10522; Lt. Col. A. W. Roffe, G2, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; 10/25/40; 61-7559-11172)

Chairman, Irish-American Commission of the C.P. of U.S.A. (Daily Worker; 9/16/40; 61-7559-A)

Member of Daily Worker Editorial Board and Labor Editor. (Daily Worker; 10/15/40; 61-7562-62X3,113; 61-7559-1761X11)



BULENZ, LOUIS F.

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Publicity Director of the American Civil Liberties Union. (Oct.1920; OG 303695)

President of Freedom of the Press Co., Inc. which now publishes the Daily Worker. (Dun & Bradstreet, NYC; Oct. 1940; 39-915-507 page 29) *N. H.*

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

New York, New York

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March 18, 1941

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY U.S.A.  
NEUTRALITY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau radio of January 31, 1941 inquiring for the addresses of LOUIS BUDENZ, ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, CHARLES KRUMBEIN, MRS. CHARLES KRUMBEIN alias Margaret Cowl and FRANK ALPI wa: F. BROWN MARINI.

The addresses and other information concerning ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, CHARLES KRUMBEIN and MRS. CHARLES KRUMBEIN alias Margaret Cowl, are being obtained in connection with the investigation of Communist Party U.S.A. Internal Security, New York file 100-4931. The information when obtained will be furnished with report on that investigation. The residence addresses of LOUIS BUDENZ and FRANK ALPI alias F. Brown Marini have not as yet been obtained. From inquiry among contacts; information was obtained indicating that FRANK ALPI alias F. Brown Marini is no longer here having left New York City and possibly the United States some time ago. There is no information from those sources to indicate where he might have gone but merely information to the effect that it is rumored that he is no longer at the Communist Party headquarters at New York City.

The New York office will continue inquiries in this matter and as soon as the addresses of these individuals BUDENZ and ALPI alias Brown have been obtained they will be forwarded to the Bureau. A search of approximately ten thousand names of persons who enrolled under the Communist emblem during the registration in 1936 fails to disclose the names or addresses of any of the individuals referred to in the Bureau radio message.

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Yours very truly,

B. E. SACKETT  
Special Agent in Charge

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April 18, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. M. C. SMITH  
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

There is transmitted herewith a dossier showing the information presently available in the files of this Bureau with respect to LOUIS F. BUDENZ whose address is 35 E. 12th Street, New York, New York.

It is recommended that this individual be considered for custodial detention in the event of a national emergency. The information contained on the attached dossier constitutes the basis for appropriate consideration in this regard.

It should be understood, of course, that additional information may be received from time to time supplementing that already available in the Bureau's files, and as such data are received they will be made available to you so that the dossier in your possession may be supplemented thereby.

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It will be greatly appreciated if you will advise this Bureau at your earliest convenience as to the decision reached in this case.

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Very truly yours,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY**

NY FILE NO. **100-7802 HD**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/23/41</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/18, 20, 24, 31/41</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. W. VROOMAN</b>
TITLE <b>LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Numerous Communist articles written by **LOUIS F. BUDENZ** are mentioned herein. Subject presently President of the ~~FREEDOM OF THE PRESS CO., INC.~~, 35 E. 12th St., NYC. which publishes the **DAILY WORKER**. A photo of BUDENZ obtained from a magazine is enclosed with this report. Last known residence of subject 328 E. 15th St., (1937). Efforts made through neighborhood post office and other sources to ascertain the present residence of the subject, with negative results. Information herein, further substantiates placing subject in Custodial Detention status.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau teletypes Re: Internal Security, dated March 3rd and 6th, 1941.

**DETAILS:**

Information was taken from a review of the files on **LOUIS F. BUDENZ** in the New York Field Division.

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"SAVE YOUR UNION", - a pamphlet by LOUIS F. BUDENZ purports to explain the meaning of the Anti-Trust persecution of Labor and is published by the Workers Library Publishers. This pamphlet is dated May 1940. [REDACTED] letter to the Director dated 5/24/40, Page 8).

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Letter to the Director from H. H. MEYER, General Eastern Agent for CHICAGO & ILLINOIS MIDLAND RAILWAY CO., Traffic Department, 535 5th Ave., New York City, dated 6/13/40. (Their file N-20) wherein he informs the Bureau that the National Election Committee of the Communist Party of the U.S.A. asked for a map of their railroad, its connections and also a time table. The railroad became alarmed about the request and it is their understanding that in times such as these agitators and saboteurs make it a point to cripple transportation at important rail junctions. According to MR. MEYER it looks like the beginning of some Fifth Column activity and they stated they had not replied to the letter nor furnished these people the desired information. On the letterhead stationery of the Communist Party of the letter requesting the information was a list of the members of the National Election Committee of the Communist Party which included such names as LOUIS F. BUDENZ, EARL BROWDER, ISRAEL AMTER, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, ROBERT MINOR, FELIX V. CACCHIONE, JAMES W. FORD and others. (54-144-487-8).

"A VOTE FOR AMTER IS A VOTE FOR LABOR" presumably published by the Trade Union Committee for the election of ISRAEL AMTER for President of the Board of Alderman in New York City. The membership of this committee is listed on the leaflet and LOUIS BUDENZ, Labor Editor of the DAILY WORKER is listed thereon. (61-507-24)

"MAY DAY 1937 - WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU" by LOUIS F. BUDENZ, was published by the Workers Library Publishers, Inc., in March 1937. This article urges a fight for a stronger and better organized labor movement. The pamphlet is definitely a product of the Communist Party and closes with the statement: "It is the Communist Party which above all other forces is fighting for Democracy and Peace at this hour -- in order to advance along the road to Socialism. It is the Communist Party which has taken the lead in fighting for the rights of the Negro people and in advancing the welfare of the youth of America." (61-507-147. P.9)

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A report of Special Agent Dennis A. Flinn of the Detroit Field Division entitled "GENERAL ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES - DETROIT AREA", Detroit file #65-86, dated May 24, 1940, states therein that a report of March 5, 1938, indicated that an informant attended a rally for the New Communist Paper. "The Midwest Daily Record". Louis F. Budenz, Editor in Chief of this publication spoke at great length and said that his paper would back the Peoples United Front and bragged of the fact that he was a "Red" and Secretary of the Communist Party. "SCOTTIE" GETTE and KENNETH YOUNG, both Spanish Communists who enlisted for Spain were present at this meeting. (54-144-31. P.19)

In a letter to the Bureau re: COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A. - NEUTRALITY ACT, from the New York Field Division, it is stated that the FREEDOM OF THE PRESS CO. INC., would publish the Daily Worker, and the Sunday Worker instead of the Daily Publishing Co., Inc., and that the management and editorship had been turned over to an executive board consisting of LOUIS F. BUDENZ, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS and HOWARD C. BOLDT, who are described as being newspaper men of proven ability. (54-144-439)

In New York File #39-155, a report dated November 8, 1940 on Page 29, contains the following information:

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS CO., INC.

Officers.

LOUIS F. BUDENZ	-	President
HOWARD C. BOLDT	-	Vice-president
BENJAMIN J. DAVIS	-	Sec. & Treasurer

The records reflect that this company was organized under the laws of the State of New York, July 18, 1940; was started with an authorized capital stock of \$10,000; that this corporation is reported to have acquired the Daily Worker which was formerly published by the Daily Publishing Co., Inc.

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By contacting JOHN R. BEACON, Newspaper Morgue, 3rd Floor, NEW YORK TIMES building, New York City, the writer gained access to the newspaper articles pertaining to the subject.

In an article entitled "RELIEF FOR STRIKERS - GOVERNMENT HAS NO OPTION IN MATTER, IT IS HELD" which was in the file of a letter to the editor of the NEW YORK TIMES from LOUIS BUDENZ, the following was stated:

" In the Times editorial "Relief for Strikers" this conclusion appears; "If the rule were established that the government would feed and ledge every man out of work, even if plenty of work were waiting for him on conditions, the result would be a general laying down of tools until the Government too, would also lay it down and make a plea in bankruptcy."

" If this statement is intended to be taken seriously it implies such a wide-spread series of abuses against American Workers as to reflect profoundly upon the present political and economic set up. From twenty year experience in leading strikes I can testify that workers do not lay down their tools save after long and extreme provocation. The Declaration of Independence has recognized that trait in the mass of the people; they will suffer a long train of abuses before taking any drastic action.

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" It was my privilege to direct the workers activities that led to the settlement of the Electric Auto-Lite dispute in Toledo. There the workers struck only after a company which now shows more than comfortable profit sought to chisel them out of a paltry 5 percent increase in wages and attempted to renege on any negotiations with the union.

" There is too frequently - - - - - . An Agitator, no matter how eloquent he may be, is of small consequence unless the objective situation makes for a showdown.

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" As to relief for strikers; it should be said that the government at the present time has no option but to grant such relief. Several hundred thousand organized men without food do not present a pretty picture in a land which could flow with milk and honey through proper use of its immense resources. There are implications there that the Government dare not face.

" Beyond that, the NRA has granted tremendous power and privilege to trade associations and monopolies. Under its attempted program of economic checks and balances the government can do no less than afford relief to strikers seeking to meet the problem of these lifting prices. Otherwise, it will find itself confronted with determined demands for fundamental change. Relief for strikers is by no means an eleemosynary effort.

LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ,  
New York, -Aug. 29, 1934. "

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The above article appeared in the New York Times issue of August 31, 1934.

According to ADELAIDE GRAVETH, Summit, N.J. who wrote the editor of the New York Times, she accused BUDENZ' article of being an attack on the government. This article appearing in the New York Times September 4, 1934, stated as follows:

" ATTACK ON GOVERNMENT" - TO THE EDITOR OF  
THE NEW YORK TIMES.

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" The letter of Louis F. Budenz seems to me to be beyond the bounds of propriety. It is an attack not on employers but on the government, itself.

" I happen to be a stockholder of the Electric Auto-Lite and have received no dividends for a long time in spite of Mr. Budenz' so-called profits. Employees of that company have always been well paid and fewer than 25 men of them were on strike. The night the factory was closed

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"by rioting 1,800 or 2,000 employees were on duty. Of the 200 persons arrested for rioting not one had ever been an employee of the Electric Auto-Lite Co.

ADELAIDE CRAVATH  
Summit, N.J. - Sept. 1, 1934. "

LOUIS F. BUDENZ and IRVING FREMAN were arrested in Newark, N.J. June 26, 1927, when they attempted to address a gathering of 100 persons in Military Park, Newark, N.J. in efforts to get funds for SACCO and VANZETTI, condemned to die in Massachusetts in July. They were charged with violating a local ordinance as a permit they had to hold a meeting in the park had been revoked. (N.Y. Times 6/26/27).

At Easton, Pa., July 14, 1930, LOUIS F. BUDENZ New York Labor editor and special representative of the American Federation of Full-Fashion Hosiery Workers, violated an injunction handed down by Judge R. C. Stewart in the KRAEMER HOSIERY case, 7/14/30, forbidding him to ask strike breakers at the Kraemer Mill to join the union. BUDENZ appeared at the mill gate at noon denounced the "yellow dog" contract and squad workers to affiliate with the hosiery union of the American Federation. Budenz submitted quietly to arrest by county detective J. H. Schweitzer and was taken to the office of the District Attorney R. C. Mauch in Bethlehem, Pa. After being questioned he was released. (N.Y. Times, 7/15/30).

BUDENZ, strike executive for the A. F. of L. group was among ninety-two charged with unlawful assemblage at the Paterson, N.J. silk strikes of 1931, who won dismissals and received suspended sentences. He was acquitted with the 14 workers by Judge Forster W. Freeman in the Criminal District Court, 8/24/31 on charges of loitering at the HENRY DOHERTY SILK CO. in Clifton, N.J. (N.Y. Times, 8/25/31 and 10/31/31).

In the NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY, New York City, the writer located a book which under file #SFN P.V. 55 included pamphlet #10 containing the following:



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RED BAITING  
ENEMY OF LABOR

by LOUIS BUDENZ. "

The above pamphlet was published by the Workers Library Publishers, Inc., P.O. Box 148, Station "D", New York, N.Y., October, 1937.

Introduced by a letter to HOMER MARTIN, United Automobile Workers of America, Detroit, Mich. from EARL BROWDER. The article deals with:

1) The Communists and the CIO which mentions the C P and its leader, Earl Browder, endorses the CIO's program for the organization of the unorganized with the effort to build a powerful, united labor movement that can meet the attack of the trusts and their vigilantes.

- 2) The CIO is not Red.
- 3) The Communists in the Unions.
- 4) The case of Homer Martin, UAWA.
- 5) "On to Ford's".
- 6) Unionism and Communism which mentions in part.

" The Trade Unions will come to learn out of their battles that the advice of KARL MARX to them is good.

" Instead of the Conservative motto: 'A fair day's wages for a fair day's work', the Unions ought to inscribe on their banner, the revolutionary watchword 'Abolition of the wages system'. "

The BUDENZ further adds: "Where will you find a more convincing championship of the value of trade unions than in MARX'S VALUE PRICE AND PROFIT"? The address made by him to the First International in 1865? - - - - -It is the objectives of trade unionism and Communism must be the same - that trade unionism, to win and hold those things it stands for, must come to embrace the Communist viewpoint of how they can be attained for good. - - - - - That is why the Communists place themselves in the front line trenches of the fight for trade unionism and democracy. "

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The aforementioned letter to Homer Martin, President of U.A.W.A. Detroit, Mich., from EARL BROWDER, general secretary of the Communist Party, refers to August 31, 1937, telegram to Martin, which is quoted as follows:

" May I ask you to deny or confirm statement of Milwaukee Journal today that you spoke of Communists as quote destructionists in the U.A.W. unquote, and you asked quote what were Earl Browder and Clarence Hathaway doing in Milwaukee at the time the convention was in session unquote. Knowing unprincipled character of Milwaukee Journal and its desire to be able to denounce this particular example. I am awaiting your telegraphic answer before making any public statement."

BROWDER goes on further in his letter to say:

" I can only conclude therefore, that your statements against the Communists are based upon a confusion of our party members with certain irresponsible groups which play with the name of Communism for their own ends. I have in mind in particular Jay Lovestone and his group, who for many years have specialized in fighting against the Communist Party by misuse of its name. Mr. Lovestone and his group have long been exposed as unprincipled adventurers, intriguers, wreckers and in many ways related to Trotskyists. Undoubtedly you have been the victim of their claim to be Communists, and therefore denounce the real Communists. It is absolutely true that they are dangerous disruptive elements, but it is absolutely untrue that they are Communists. We of the Communist Party will be glad to cooperate with all responsible trade union leaders to protect their organization from the conspiracies of the Lovestone and Trotsky groups.

With very best wishes for unity, strength and success of the U.A.W.A. as an organic part of the glorious CIO movement, I am

Fraternally yours,  
Earl Browder,  
General Secretary, C.P. "

In the New York Field Division the writer located a book entitled "THE RED NETWORK" by Elizabeth Dilling (Mrs. Albert W. Dilling), published by the author, 545 Essex Rd., Kenilworth, Ill, or 53 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, Ill. In the latter part of this book appears a "Who's Who and Handbook of Radicalism for Patriots" which includes the names of about 1,300 among whom is listed LOUIS F. BUDENZ with the following information:

" LOUIS F. BUDENZ:

Left Wing Socialist; professional labor agitator & lecturer; Recep. Com. Soviet Flyers; Non-Intervention Citiz. Comm. 1927; Natl. Com. and Publicity Director A.C.L.U., 1920; Sec. N.J.Conf. for Prog. Pol. Action, 1924; Natl. Com. A.A.A.I. Lg. (All America Anti-Imperialist League), 1928; Il Nuovo Mondo Natl. Com.; Brookwood Labor College, 1932; Natl. Coun. Prot. For. Born wkrs.; ed. "Labor Age,"; organ. of Conf. Prog. Lab. Act; Conf. Prog. Lab. Act. strike leader. "

A check of the "Who's Who in America " 1937-1938 reflects no record on Budenz.

The "American Labor Who's Who" edited by SOLON DE LEON in collaboration with IRMA C. HAYSSIN and GRACE POOLE (Published by Hanford Press, N.Y.C. and copyrighted 1925) reflects the following on LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ (Sullivan).

" Edited Labor Age. Born 7/17/91, Indianapolis, Ind. Father a bank cashier. Public and parochial school 1897-1906; Jesuit College 1906-10; Indianapolis Law School 1910-12. Admitted to Bar 1912. Natl. Org. Young Men's Inst. 1909-10; edited the Carpenter, Journal of United Brothers of Carpenters & Joiners of Amer. 1912-14; Asso. Dir. Central Bureau St. Louis, 1914-15; Secy. St. Louis Civic League 1915-20; Federation Electric Ry. Commsn. 1920; publicity dir. Amer. Civ. Lib. U. 1920-1. Cooperated in org. St. Louis street ry. strike 1917; one of leaders of St. Louis Dept. store strike, 1917, in which 4000 girls took part; dir. fight for pub. ownership of street rys. and other utilities in St. Louis, culminatin in campaign for recall of mayor, 1915-9;

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" Secy. Rahway Municipal Milk Comssn. 1922-4: Secy.  
N.J. Conf. Prog. Pol. Action 1924.

✓ Author: several reports on valuation and public  
utilities; references for the study of the Social  
Questions, 1914; Traveling Library on the Study of  
the Social Question; cooperated with DELOS F. WILCOX  
in preparing report for Federal Electric Sys. Comssn.  
Home, 31 Bryant Ter., Rahway, N.J.; office, 91-7th Ave.  
N.Y.C.

(Readers Guide to Periodical Literature, July 1937 to  
June 1939 - Budenz, Louis Francis - Portrait - Time  
31:49 F 21 '38.)

Under topic entitled "Proletarian Press" editor for  
Times Weekly Magazine writes (pages 46-49) in part:

" If anti-capitalistic editors cut their sharpest journalis-  
tic teeth on jail bars Louis Francis Budenz should have a sharp  
bite. He has been arrested 21 times, never convicted. Indirectly,  
Louis Budenz can thank his Irish mother for his arrests in 1928  
Kenosha hosier strike, the 1930 Nazareth, Pa. Textile strike,  
the 1934 Toledo Auto-Lite strike (and 18 others) because it was  
her ruddy praise of Irish revolutionaries that little Louis devel-  
oped his social perspective. For his 21 acquittals he can thank  
Indianapolis Law School which taught him the art of legal defense.

✓ " Last week grey-haired Louis Budenz who could easily pass  
for a successful novelist slightly bulged at chin and waist, made  
news by becoming editor of a new Communist Daily in Chicago. His  
six page MIDWEST DAILY RECORD was born on the anniversary of  
Lincoln's birth, its \$40,000 endowment made up mainly of nickels  
and dimes dropped into small contribution boxes around Midwest  
industrial plants. Communist papers get little advertising and  
the Record promptly made the best of the fact by announcing that  
it would not accept advertising from utilities or from any firm  
against which there is a strike or consumer's boycott.

" Thus the "Midwest Daily Record" drops into place in a  
cross-country alliance of Communist dailies between San Francisco's  
"People's World" and New York City's 14 year old "Daily Worker."

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(On page 49 of this Times Magazine issue appears a picture of Editor Budenz - Photostatic copies made of same being retained in instant file, a copy being forwarded to the Bureau.)

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While walking through this neighborhood the writer observed that the address given for LOUIS F. BUDENZ of 35 E. 12th St. or 50 E. 13th St., is at the present time, the front and back address of the DAILY WORKER.

From a list of those who enrolled under the Communist Party emblem in 1936 election, which was obtained by Special Agent George J. Starr of the New York Field Office from JOHN BRANN, Chief Investigator, WPA, at that time, it was ascertained that LOUIS F. BUDENZ resided at 328 E. 15th St., New York City.

Inquiry was made through JOSEPH COLLINS, Clerk, who assists ARTHUR LARSON, Superintendent of the Post Office at 95 Fourth Ave., New York City, who made numerous attempts through his mail carriers in the vicinity of 328 E. 15th St., which attempts failed to reflect that LOUIS BUDENZ lives there at the present time. Mr. COLLINS, who acts as Foreman of the mail carriers stated that contact had been made with the Superintendent on the premises of 328 E. 15th St. by mail carriers who discreetly ascertained that no one ever heard of LOUIS BUDENZ at that address nor had they any knowledge of him having ever lived there. According to Mr. Collins one of his mail carriers by the name of MR. TISCH, who formerly worked on the route covering 328 E. 15th St., remembered that LOUIS BUDENZ received mail at this address. However, he stated that occurred back in 1937 and no mail has been received for the subject at that address since.

328 E. 15th St., is the last known residence of the subject and no further inquiry can be made in the neighborhood other than the mail carriers continued search for the subject inasmuch as the entire neighborhood is in the heart of a Communist settlement.

ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU: One (1) picture of LOUIS F. BUDENZ cut from a magazine.

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

Through confidential informant and further investigation will endeavor to ascertain the present address, citizenship and personal description of subject.

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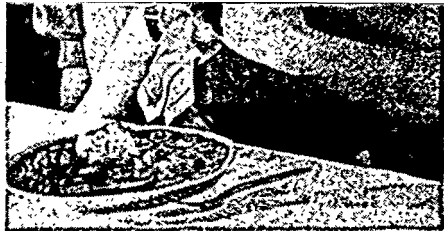
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EDITOR BUDENZ

*For him no utility advertising.*



A SPOT ON YOUR DRESS

*may spoil your party*

DIRT IN YOUR OIL

*may ruin your motor*

Dirt is the arch-enemy of the automobile motor—and it takes only a tiny bit to cause a whacking big repair bill!

Make *sure* you are well guarded against dirt, dust, carbon, sludge, and the tiny pieces of metal that can <sup>cost</sup> so much in time and money. Replace

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The ci of the oni contain a buff card from the 3rd ND relative to one Louis Budenz, 328 E. 15th St., New York, who was reported to have been on the 1937 election List of the Communist Party. This represents the only information in our files relative to this individual.

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Special Agent in Charge  
New York, New York

RE. LOUIS F. BUDENZ  
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to my letter of August 19, 1941, to all Special Agents in Charge enclosing a copy of a memorandum from Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith, Chief of the Special Defense Unit of the Department of Justice, relative to the classification, as to dangerousness, of the individuals under consideration for custodial detention and the classification, as to sufficiency, of the evidence upon which the dangerousness classification is made.

Please be advised that information has now been received from the Special Defense Unit that

Louis F. Budenz  
35 E. 12th Street  
New York, New York

has been tentatively placed in:

x Group A. Individuals believed to be the most dangerous and who in all probability should be interned in event of War.

       Group B. Individuals believed to be somewhat less dangerous, but whose activities should be restricted.

       Group C. Individuals believed to be the least dangerous and who need not be restricted in absence of additional information, but should be subjected to general surveillance.

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The evidence relating to Subject has been classified by the Special Defense Unit as:

  x   1. Sufficient to establish the charges upon which the dangerous classification was made.

       2. Not satisfactory to substantiate the charges.

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With respect to citizenship status, Subject has been tentatively classified by the Special Defense Unit as:

       (A) An alien

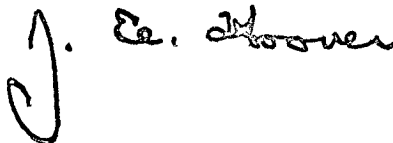
       (N) A naturalized citizen

  x   (NB) A native born citizen

The above classifications are subject to revision in the light of additional information and you will be promptly informed of any revision of the status of the above named individual.

This investigation must be given preferred and expeditious attention in accordance with existing Bureau instructions and concluded at the earliest possible date. The citizenship status of Subject should be definitely ascertained as soon as possible where this has not already been done.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Dear Friend -

Just a note to let you know that I have begun a series of news broadcasts known as "Labor's News Room". The program, sponsored by the Daily Worker, is on the air at 11 P.M., Wed. thru Sun. Tune in TONIGHT - Sta. WHOM 1480 on your dial:

Cordially,

Louis F. Budenz

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**WEDNESDAY**  
8 P.M. . . Quiz Kids . . . WJZ  
9 P.M. . . Fred Allen . . . WABC  
10 P.M. . . Kay Kyser . . . WEAF  
★ 11 P.M. . . Louis F. Budenz . . . WHOM  
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**THURSDAY**  
8 P.M. . . Fanny Brice, Frank Morgan . . . WEAF  
8:30 P.M. . . Benny Goodman . . . WOR  
9 P.M. . . America's Town Meeting . . . WJZ  
10 P.M. . . Rudy Vallee and Jimmy Durante . . . WEAF  
★ 11 P.M. . . Louis F. Budenz . . . WHOM  
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**FRIDAY**  
8:30 P.M. . . Information Please . . . WEAF  
★ 11 P.M. . . Louis F. Budenz . . . WHOM  
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**SATURDAY**  
2 P.M. . . Metropolitan Opera . . . WJZ  
3 P.M. . . Your Hit Parade . . . WABC  
10 P.M. . . Hemisphere Review . . . WJZ  
★ 11 P.M. . . Louis F. Budenz . . . WHOM  
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**SUNDAY**  
3 P.M. . . New York Philharmonic  
Symphony Orchestra . . . WABC  
7 P.M. . . Jack Benny . . . WEAF  
8 P.M. . . Charley McCarthy . . . WEAF  
10:30 P.M. . . Columbia Workshop . . . WABC  
★ 11 P.M. . . Louis F. Budenz . . . WHOM  
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**MONDAY**  
9 P.M. . . Dr. I.Q. . . WEAF  
10 P.M. . . Orson Welles . . . WABC

**TUESDAY**  
9:30 P.M. . . N.E.C. Symphony . . . WJZ  
10:30 P.M. . . Red Skelton . . . WEAF

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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH**  
**CHIEF, SPECIAL WAR POLICIES UNIT**

**RE: LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ**  
**24-29 29th Street**  
**New York, New York**

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DATE 6-4-86 BY 30429W/RO

Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 13, 1942,  
wherein the recommendation was made that the above captioned individ-  
ual be considered for custodial detention.

For your information in this regard, I am enclosing here-  
with the following material:

Report of Special Agent C. W. Freeman, New York, New York, dated  
May 28, 1941.

Report of Special Agent C. M. Duncan, New York, New York, dated  
February 19, 1942.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**NY** FILE NO. **100-7802** **TCM**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/19/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/18,19; 9/15,23,25; 10/28; 11/4/41; 1/23; 2/4,5/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. M. DUNCAN</b>
TITLE  <b>LOUIS FRANCIS BODINZ</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>INTERNAL SECURITY (C)</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Usual sources of information checked with negative results, as to information concerning subject. Subject presently resides at 24-20 29th Street, Astoria. Subject has been considered by the Bureau for custodial detention.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent C. W. Vrooman, dated at New York City, May 28, 1941.

**DETAILS:**

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The following sources of information were checked with negative results as to subject's residence address and other information concerning him; New York City Police Department, New York City Police Alien Squad, Credit Bureau of Greater New York, New York Motor Vehicle Bureau, and surrounding county telephone directories; also the United States Internal Revenue Department, Customs House, New York City; New York Field Office indices; various

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confidential informants of the New York Field Office; marriage records of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens, Staten Island, New York, and Confidential Informant #1, New York City.

At the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, 4 Irving Place, New York City, it was ascertained that the only address available for subject was 326 East 19th Street, apartment 4, New York City. The records indicated that subject was a journalist employed by the "Daily Worker", 33 East 12th Street, New York City, and that his utilities were turned on April 21, 1937 at that address.

Mr. JOHN P. ILLI, superintendent at 326 East 19th Street, New York City, advised that he had been superintendent at that address for the past nine years; that he had no record, but believed BUDENZ lived <sup>there</sup> for a while and moved out about three years ago. He stated that BUDENZ had a wife and two children and that he believed he moved to someplace in Astoria, Long Island. He was unable to furnish any further information concerning subject.

Mr. A. H. LARSEN, superintendent of United States Post Office, Station D, 93 4th Avenue, New York City, upon examination of his records advised that they had no record concerning subject.

Carrier JOSEPH G. MARELANDINO, was also interviewed and stated that he could not recall ever delivering any mail to BUDENZ at 326 East 19th Street.

At the Consolidated Edison Company, 3520 Broadway, Astoria, Long Island, it was ascertained that the company had no record of BUDENZ in Astoria. The Queens telephone directory listed one J. BUDENZ, residing at 85-53 80th Street, Woodside, Long Island, however upon checking with Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE WEINHART, 85-51 80th Street, Woodside, Long Island, it was ascertained that J. BUDENZ was employed by the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, and that he had been living next door for many years, and was not identical with subject.

Mrs. J. BUDENZ, 85-53 80th Street, Woodside, Long Island, was then telephonically contacted by agent under the pretext of being an old friend of LOUIS BUDENZ from Chicago, and she advised that neither she nor her husband were related to LOUIS BUDENZ and she knew nothing concerning him. She stated that she had received other calls from people attempting to locate LOUIS BUDENZ in the past.

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Upon reviewing the "Daily Worker" of January 23, 1942, an advertisement was noted therein, which stated that LOUIS BUDENZ was broadcasting news from radio station WHOM, New York City, at 11:00 P.M. Wednesday through Sunday.

At radio station WHOM, 29 West 57th Street, New York City, Confidential Informant #2 upon examination of the station's records advised that subject resided at 24-20 29th Street, Astoria, Long Island, it being noted that subject lives in apartment 22 at that address.

Subject has been considered for custodial detention by the Bureau.

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IDENTIFICATION OF CONFIDENTIAL  
INFORMANTS, MENTIONED IN REPORT  
OF SPECIAL AGENT D. M. DUNCAN,  
DATED AT NEW YORK CITY, FEBRUARY 19,  
1942.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT #1-DUN and BRADSTREET,  
320 Broadway,  
New York City.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT #3-Mr. ALLISON W. BURNHAM,  
Chief Engineer,  
Radiation station WHOM,  
39 West 57th Street,  
New York City.

ROOM - 1539

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Mr. Ladd

Mr. Carson

Mr. Kramer

Mr. Mumford

Mr. Flinn

Mr. Ranstad

Mr. Timm

Mr. MacCartee

Mr. Guiney

Mr. Timberlake

Mr. Gist

Mr. Dibrell

Miss Jones

Miss Ceman

Miss Ruth Brown

Room 1712

Files Section

Mr. Patterson

Miss DeMaine

Translation Unit

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*File as per indexing*

K.R. McINTIRE

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"  
AND REFER TO  
INITIALS AND NUMBER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 29, 1942

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Mr. Clegg.....  
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Miss Gandy.....  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER,  
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Budenz, Louis Francis  
24-20 29th Street  
New York, New York

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DATE 6-3-86 BY 3042 P-12

Mr. L. M. C. Smith, Chief of the Special  
Defense Unit, has forwarded a file containing an ab-  
stract of information concerning the above entitled  
subject who appears to be a citizen of the United  
States.

It is requested that any investigative re-  
ports and other background information contained in  
your files relative to the subject be forwarded to  
the Criminal Division, and that you keep this Division  
advised of any information received by you in the future  
on the subject.

Respectfully,

WENDELL BERGE,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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Date: July 6, 1943

To: SAC, New York City

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: LOUIS BUDENZ  
REGISTRATION ACT

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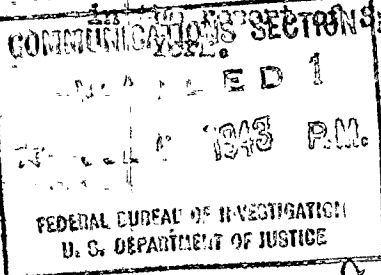
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Reference is made to your letter of June 21, 1943, captioned as above and enclosing copies of three cables exchanged between Louis Budenz and Press Workaday.

For your information, these cables as well as a copy of the one forwarded to you with Bureau letter dated May 5, 1943, have been furnished to the Special War Policies Unit of the Department for an opinion as to whether or not Budenz is acting in violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. You will be kept advised of the Department's decision.

It is noted from the third paragraph of your letter that you state no further investigation will be conducted in this case until a request has been received from the Bureau. It is evident from this statement that you misconstrued my letter of May 5, 1943, in which I requested you to forward to me one week's traffic between Budenz and Press Workaday. It is noted from this letter that I stated that the traffic should be forwarded to the Bureau prior to any further investigation and that you would be advised of any action desired after the material had been examined. It was not intended that this statement should be construed as an instruction to discontinue all investigation of Budenz, but only that part which might involve the possibility of the subject's acting in violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, by furnishing Press Workaday with a news service.

For this reason, you are instructed to continue your investigation of Budenz as a member of the Communist Party, and to cover the leads set out in the report of Special Agent W. J. Alaga dated September 3, 1942, at New York.





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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KENDALL BENCE  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ  
24-26 29th Street  
Astoria, Long Island, New York

There is transmitted herewith, in accordance  
with your previous request, the following:

Report of Special Agent H. J. Alaga, dated  
September 3, 1942, at New York, New York, in the  
case entitled Louis Francis Budenz, Internal  
Security - C.

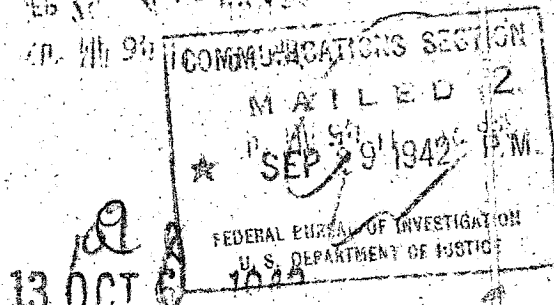
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, N. Y.**

**54788**

N.Y. FILE NO. **100-7802 FAC**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK, N. Y.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/3/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/12, 23, 26/1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7/28; 8/17/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>N. J. ALAGA</b>
TITLE <b>LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject is presently Managing Editor of the "DAILY WORKER" and President of FREEDOM OF THE PRESS CO., INC, publishers of the DAILY WORKER. He also conducts the DAILY WORKER radio news program, "Labor News Room", over Station WHOM, New York City, and is a member of the NATIONAL COMMITTEE of the COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A. Subject born July 17, 1891, at Indianapolis, Ind. He received Catholic education in Indiana; Graduate of Indianapolis Law School, 1912. Former Editor of "LABOR AGE". Active as LABOR TRADE UNION organizer since 1912. Appointed Editor of "MIDWEST DAILY RECORD", 1938, a Chicago COMMUNIST newspaper. Subject resides at 24-20 - 29th Street, Astoria, Long Island, N.Y.

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DATE **6-3-86** BY **8042 RST/HP**

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent C. W. Vrooman, New York, dated May 28, 1941.

Report of Special Agent C. M. Duncan, New York, dated February 19, 1942.

**DETAILS:** This report reflects a complete review of all information concerning subject, contained in the files of the New York Field Division Office, so far as reflected in the indices of the New York Field Office. However, the only information being reported herein in detail is that which is not already contained in reference reports, nor in the photostatic copy of information received from the Bureau, which photostatic copy represents a synopsis of all information in

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the files of the Bureau concerning the subject.

A review of recent issues of the "DAILY WORKER", as well as [redacted] reflected that subject is presently Managing Editor of the "DAILY WORKER" and is President of the FREEDOM OF THE PRESS COMPANY, INC., the publishers of the "DAILY WORKER". In addition, he is presently conducting a weekly DAILY WORKER news program called "Labor News Room" over Station WHOM, New York City.

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Confidential Informant J. MORRIS has reported subject is presently a member of the NATIONAL COMMITTEE of the COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

The New York files reflect a copy of a letter dated June 11, 1940 on the stationery of the NATIONAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE of the COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., reflecting subject was a member of that committee.

The "DAILY WORKER" of August 28, 1937 states subject was the COMMUNIST PARTY candidate for Congress from the 17th Congressional District of New York for 1936; that he was a COMMUNIST PARTY Presidential Electee from the State of New York in 1936, and that he was the COMMUNIST PARTY candidate for Assemblyman from the 10th District of New York City in 1937.

On May 24, 1938, the issue of the "MIDWEST DAILY RECORD" reflects subject brought the greetings of the NATIONAL COMMITTEE of the COMMUNIST PARTY to the Missouri-Arkansas-Kansas District COMMUNIST PARTY Convention.

The "MIDWEST DAILY RECORD" of October 4, 1938 reflects subject as being Editor and co-owner of the "Midwest Daily Record".

The "DAILY WORKER" of May 27, 1940 reflects subject as being a member of the New York State Committee of the COMMUNIST PARTY, an instructor in the COMMUNIST WORKERS SCHOOL of New York City, and a member of the NATIONAL COMMITTEE of the COMMUNIST PARTY in 1939 and 1940.

The "DAILY WORKER" of September 16, 1940 reflects subject as being Chairman of the Irish-American Committee of the COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

Through an exceedingly confidential source it was ascertained that on April 29, 1942 subject lectured at the COMMUNIST WORKERS SCHOOL, 35 East 12th Street, New York City, on the subject "Rise and Growth of the American Federation of Labor; Ideological Changes; Its Role in the Present War".

For the information of those who have not received copies of reference reports, the following pertinent information has been extracted and is being reported herein:

Investigation conducted by Special Agent C. M. Duncan resulted in the determination that on February 5, 1942 subject was residing at 24-20 - 29th Street, Astoria, Long Island, N.Y., Apartment #22.

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Investigation conducted by Special Agent C. W. Vrooman reflected that subject was born on July 17, 1891 at Indianapolis, Indiana. After attending public and parochial school in Indianapolis from 1897 to 1906, subject was graduated from Jesuit College in 1910, and from the Indianapolis Law School in 1912. In this same year he was admitted to the State Bar of Indiana as a lawyer. He had worked as the national organizer of the Young Men's Institute, a Catholic youth organization, from 1909 to 1910. From 1912 to 1914 subject acted as Editor of "THE CARPENTER", a journal of the UNITED BROTHERS OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA. From 1914 to 1915 subject was Associate Director of the CENTRAL BUREAU OF ST. LOUIS. From 1915 to 1920 subject acted as Secretary of the ST. LOUIS CIVIC LEAGUE. In 1920 he was also connected with the FEDERATION ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMMISSION. Subject was Publicity Director of the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION from 1920 to 1921. In 1917 he acted as an organizer and a leader in the ST. LOUIS STREET RAILWAY STRIKE and the ST. LOUIS DEPARTMENT STORE STRIKE. From 1915 to 1919 subject had also been Director of the fight for public ownership of street railways and other utilities in St. Louis, which culminated in a campaign for the recall of the Mayor. From 1922 to 1924 subject was Secretary of the RAILWAY MUNICIPAL MILK COMMISSION, and in 1924 he was also Secretary of the New Jersey "CONFERENCE FOR PROGRESSIVE POLITICAL ACTION". In 1925 subject was acting as the Editor of "LABOR AGE".

Subject was connected with the NON-INTERVENTION CITIZENS COMMITTEE in 1927 and the National Committee of the ALL AMERICA ANTI-IMPERIALIST LEAGUE in 1928. In 1932 he acted as an Instructor at BROOKWOOD LABOR COLLEGE. He has also been a member of the Reception Committee for the Soviet flyers who visited the United States, a member of the IL NUOVO MONDO NATIONAL COMMITTEE, and a member of the NATIONAL COUNCIL for the PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN WORKERS.

Time Magazine of February 21, 1938 had the following to say concerning subject:

"If anti-capitalistic editors cut their sharpest journalistic teeth on jail bars, LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ should have a sharp bite. He has been arrested twenty-one times, never convicted. Indirectly, LOUIS BUDENZ can thank his Irish mother for his arrests in the 1928 Kenosha hosiery strike, the 1930 Nazareth, Pa. textile strike, the 1934 Toledo Auto-Lite strike (and 18 others), because it was her ruddy praise of Irish revolutionaries that little LOUIS developed his social perspective. For his twenty-one acquittals he can thank Indianapolis Law School, which taught him the art of legal defense.

1938  
"Last week grey-haired LOUIS BUDENZ, who could easily pass for a successful novelist, slightly bulged at chin and waist, made news by becoming editor of a New Communist Daily in Chicago. His six-page MIDWEST DAILY RECORD was born on the anniversary of Lincoln's birth, its \$40,000 endowment made up mainly of nickels and dimes dropped into small contribution boxes around midwest industrial plants. COMMUNIST papers get little advertising and the RECORD promptly

"made the best of the fact by announcing that it would not accept advertising from utilities or from any firm against which there is a strike or consumer's boycott.

"Thus the "MIDWEST DAILY RECORD" drops into place in a cross-country alliance of COMMUNIST dailies between San Francisco's "PEOPLES WORLD" and New York City's fourteen year old "DAILY WORKER".

Reference report of Special Agent C. W. Vrooman further reflects that subject was arraigned in Newark, N. J. June 26, 1927, charged with violating a local ordinance by holding a public meeting without a permit when he attempted to address a gathering of one hundred persons in Military Park in a plea for funds to be used for the defense of ~~SACCO~~ and ~~VANZETTI~~.

It is further reflected that subject was arrested on July 14, 1930 at Easton, Pa., charged with violation of an injunction issued in the Kraemer Hosiery case on July 14, 1930, forbidding him to ask strike-breakers at the Kraemer Mill to join the Union. Subject was acting as Special Representative of the American Federation of Full-Fashion Hosiery Workers at the time. He was released after being questioned.

It is further reflected that subject was one of a group of ninety-two charged with unlawful assemblage during the Paterson, N.J. silk strikes of 1931. All of them either won dismissals or received suspended sentences. Subject was also acquitted on August 24, 1931 on charges of loitering at the Henry Doherty Silk Company in Clifton, N. J.

In a pamphlet written by subject entitled "Red Baiting, Enemy of Labor", subject stated, "Instead of the Conservative motto 'A fair day's wages for a fair day's work', the Unions ought to inscribe on their banners the revolutionary watchword, 'Abolition of the wages system'."

BUDENZ further stated in this pamphlet, "Where will you find a more convincing championship of the value of trade unions than in MARX'S 'Value, price and profit'? ..... It is the objectives of trade unionism and Communism, which must be the same - that trade unionism, to win and hold those things it stands for, must come to embrace the Communist viewpoint of how they can be attained for good ..... That is why the Communists place themselves in the front line trenches of the fight for trade unionism and democracy."

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, N. Y.

Will continue to follow and report subject's activities in connection with the COMMUNIST PARTY.

Will report any change of address of subject.

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Date: May 5, 1943

To: SAC, New York

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: LOUIS BUDENZ  
REGISTRATION ACT

There are enclosed for your information photostatic copies of a cablegram from the subject to Press Workadai, Kinross, London.

It will be noted from the cablegram that the subject requests in the last line that he be notified "how these cables are now serving your needs." There is therefore an indication that the subject may be acting in violation of one of the Registration Acts in furnishing information to a foreign principal without being duly registered with the Attorney General.

In order that a clearer picture may be obtained of the exact information being furnished by Budenz, you are directed to contact the New York cable companies and obtain one week's traffic between Budenz and Press Workadai. This traffic should be forwarded to the Bureau prior to any further investigation and upon receipt of the information you will be advised of any further action desired of you after the material has been examined.

Please comply with these instructions without unnecessary delay.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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BYRON PRICE, Director.



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Date:

To: Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith  
Chief, Special War Policies Unit

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: LOUIS BUDENZ  
REGISTRATION ACT

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The investigation conducted of the above captioned subject by this Bureau has disclosed that he is apparently furnishing the London Daily News (Press Workadai) with a news service. As an example of the type of news furnished, there are attached photostatic copies of four cablegrams exchanged between Budenz and Press Workadai or William Rust of London.

After reading the attached cablegrams, will you please advise me your opinion as to whether or not Budenz is acting in violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, or comes within the exemptions of Section 3(d) and (e), as defined in Rule 303.

You will recall that Budenz is president of Freedom of the Press, Incorporated, publishers of the Daily Worker. He is also managing editor of this publication.

It is noted from the files that both you and Mr. Wendell Berge of the Criminal Division have been furnished with numerous reports concerning Budenz as well as Freedom of the Press, Incorporated.

Memo to LMC Smith  
8-14-43

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Director, FBI

Re: LOUIS BUDENZ  
REGISTRATION ACT

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Dear Sir:

*mt*  
Reference is made to Bureau letter to New York in the above captioned case dated May 5, 1943. Arrangements were made with Lieutenant WISNER, Marine Cable Censorship, New York, New York, on June 2, 1943, that copies of cable traffic between subject and PRESS WORKADAI, Kincross, London, England, be furnished the New York Field Division, for the period from June 4, 1943 to June 11, 1943.

During that week three such cablegrams were received from the Marine Cable Censorship, copies of which are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau. It will be noted in the cablegram from subject to London, England, filed June 9, 1943, there is a reference to the "big American roundup ADBE, filed during the weekend". From this it would appear evident that subject is regularly supplying PRESS WORKADAI with a weekly roundup of American news, typical example of such being the photostatic copy of the cablegram dated March 17, 1943 furnished by the Bureau to the New York Field office with reference letter.

As requested in reference letter no further investigation will be conducted in this case until a further request for investigative action by the Bureau is received.

Very truly yours,

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*Letter to NYC*  
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50 EAST 13TH ST NEWYORK

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 16, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR

HUGH B. COX, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

AND

J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

I refer to Mr. L. M. C. Smith's memorandum to me dated June 28, 1943, which reviews the history, development, and meaning of the Special Case work and of the danger classifications that were made as a part of that work.

After full re-consideration of these individual danger classifications, I am satisfied that they serve no useful purpose. The detention of alien enemies is being dealt with under the procedures established by the Alien Enemy Control Unit. The Special Case procedure has been found to be valueless and is not used in that connection. There is no statutory authorization or other present justification for keeping a "custodial detention" list of citizens. The Department fulfills its proper functions by investigating the activities of persons who may have violated the law. It is not aided in this work by classifying persons as to dangerousness.

Apart from these general considerations, it is now clear to me that this classification system is inherently unreliable. The evidence used for the purpose of making the classifications was inadequate; the standards applied to the evidence for the purpose of making the classifications were defective; and finally, the notion that it is possible to make a valid determination as to how dangerous a person is in the abstract and without reference to time, environment, and other relevant circumstances, is impractical, unwise, and dangerous.

For the foregoing reasons I am satisfied that the adoption of this classification system was a mistake that should be rectified for the future. Accordingly, I direct that the classifications heretofore made should not be regarded as classifications of dangerousness or as a

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determination of fact in any sense. In the future, they should not be used for any purpose whatsoever. Questions raised as to the status or activities of a particular person should be disposed of by consideration of all available information, but without reference to any classification heretofore made.

A copy of this memorandum should be placed in the file of each person who has hitherto been given a classification. In addition, each card upon which a classification appears should be stamped with the following language:

"THIS CLASSIFICATION IS UNRELIABLE. IT IS  
HEREBY CANCELLED, AND SHOULD NOT BE USED  
AS A DETERMINATION OF DANGEROUSNESS OR OF  
ANY OTHER FACT. (SEE MEMORANDUM OF JULY 16,  
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COX AND J. EDGAR HOOVER)."

Attorney General

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BYRON PRICE, Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH  
CHIEF, SPECIAL WAR POLICIES UNIT

RE: LOUIS BUDENZ  
REGISTRATION ACT

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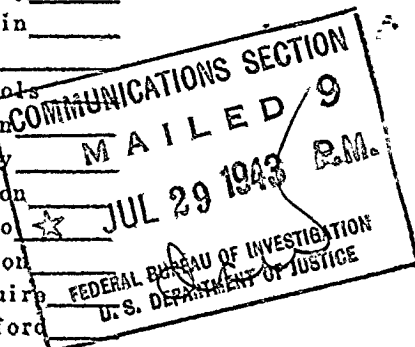
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Very truly yours,

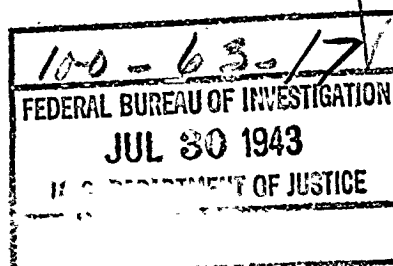
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Re: <sup>0</sup> LOUIS BUDENZ  
REGISTRATION ACT

Your attention is directed to my memorandum of July 6, 1943, requesting an expression of opinion whether the subject has violated the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

Will you please furnish me with a reply at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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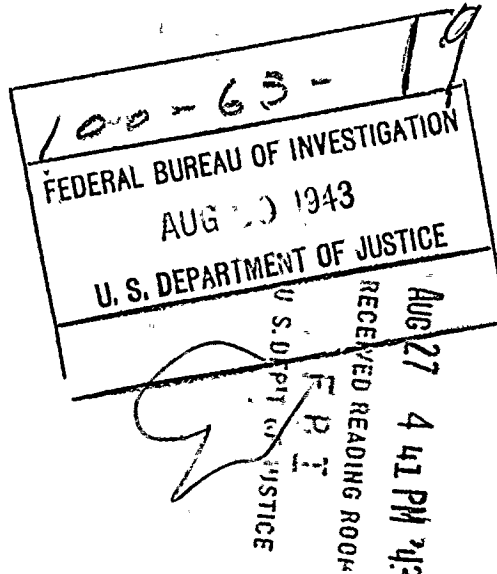
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BYRON PRICE, Director.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, N. Y.**

NY FILE NO. **100-7802 FAC**

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> <b>NEW YORK, N. Y.</b>	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> <b>9/21/43</b>	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> <b>8/24, 25, 28, 30, 31; 9/2/43</b>	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> <b>G. EARL JENNINGS</b>
<b>TITLE</b> <b>LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ</b>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b> <b>SECURITY MATTER</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Subject a key figure in the New York Field Division. Presently Managing Editor of the DAILY WORKER and President of FREEDOM OF THE PRESS CO., INC., publishers of the DAILY WORKER. Resides at 24-20 29th Street, Astoria, L.I., N.Y. Subject continues to be active in the affairs of the COMMUNIST PARTY; is a speaker on many occasions at COMMUNIST affairs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED - P - HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 6-3-86 BY 3042 PWS/KOS</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent N. J. Alaga, dated September 3, 1942 at New York City.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Subject in this case, LOUIS FRANCIS BUDENZ, is carried as a key figure in the New York Field Division.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This report is being written in order to report additional information concerning the activities of the subject and to report his present address.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The present Queens Telephone Directory lists the subject as residing at 24-20 29th Street, Astoria, Long Island, N. Y., having telephone ASTORIA 8-2794.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The DAILY WORKER for February 24, 1941, Page 6, Column 1, carries an advertisement entitled "Free EARL BROWDER Protest Rally", February 24, 1941; speakers, EARL BROWDER and LOUIS BUDENZ, Editor of DAILY WORKER. It was also stated that a full length movie would be shown entitled "Liam in 1916". The Rally was to be held at the HOTEL CAPITOL, 51st Street and Eighth Avenue.</p>			
<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b> <i>E. E. Connelley</i>		<b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b>	
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The DAILY WORKER for February 27, 1943, Page 3, Column 1, contains a news item as follows:

✓ "An ovation swept the 280 persons in attendance at the 13th Anniversary Reunion of the hosiery workers who had been locked out in Kenosha, Wisconsin in 1938 when a wired message from LOUIS F. BUDENZ, editorial Board member of the DAILY WORKER was read pointing to Socialism as the road ahead for the working people." ✓

The DAILY WORKER for April 6, 1941, Page 2, Column 4, contains an article entitled "'Convoy' is the latest move on road to full participation". This article is critical of the Government's preparations and Acts of Congress concerning national defense.

✓ The DAILY WORKER for September 29, 1941, Page 1, Column 2, carries a photograph of subject BUDENZ, and states, "LOUIS F. BUDENZ, who was a speaker at the National Daily Worker Conference at Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 West 48th Street; Delegates to come from the ranks of the trade unionists, from COMMUNIST PARTY organizations, and other peoples groups that look to the DAILY WORKER or SUNDAY WORKER as their weapon in the great fight that faces America today."

The DAILY WORKER for October 1, 1941, Page 1, Column 1 and 2, contains an announcement by the DAILY WORKER that the AF of L Convention held in Seattle, Washington, October 6, 1941 would be covered by LOUIS F. BUDENZ, veteran labor journalist. This column also carries a photograph of BUDENZ.

✓ In the DAILY WORKER of February 28, 1943, Page 1, Column 3, there is an item which states that LOUIS F. BUDENZ, member of the Editorial Board of the DAILY WORKER, was to be the speaker at a celebration to honor MIKE GOLD, DAILY WORKER columnist for 25 years, on February 30, 1942 at the Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City.

✓ Confidential Informant T-1, who has proved reliable on previous occasions at this office, advised that on June 24, 1941, at 8:00 P.M., there was a Seamen's Branch meeting at 168 West 23rd Street, at which time 50 individuals attended. The main report of the evening was given by LOUIS BUDENZ, who was on the Staff of the DAILY WORKER. He reported editorials in the June 23, 1941 issue of the DAILY WORKER. He cautioned about having to wait as events unfolded; he played up "collective security", claiming Russia was always working for that. He stressed Russia's peace



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role and pointed out that Russia's activity in Bessarabia so occupied Hitler on another front as to prevent complete invasion of England, and stated, "don't think Russia did this for the love of imperialist England, exploiter of Ireland, India and South Africa.. She did it to prevent one imperialist bandit from annihilating another because she wanted the people in their countries to be the victors." He gave the COMMUNIST PARTY stand that never did RUSSIA try to prolong the war. He spoke at great length on "Aid to Russia"; that appeals must be made to labor to support this workers government in a just war. He stated, "They must help because Russia is fighting the battle against Fascism for all the people of the world. This country must give all aid to Russia, unfreeze assets, ship definite material aid, not reduce the gains of labor, otherwise her promise to aid Russia will be a lie." He said the same for England. He said there are three possible courses war can take:

"1. A just war against Hitlerism by Russia and Imperialist England and United States.

2. An unjust war of United States and England getting together with Hitler in an attempt to make a Munich out of Russia.

3. Revolution in Hitler dominated countries.

He warned a great deal against attempts at a Munich. He insisted that even though United States and Great Britain are capitalistic and imperialistic, they can fight a just war against Hitler by allying with Russia. He stated, "However, the fundamental conflict between COMMUNISM and capitalism remains, and when this is over the struggle will be resumed." He summed up, in a phrase, "The line is once again 'Collective Security'. Anyone is automatically helping Hitler if he opposes aid to Russia." BUDENZ even said, "the Lend Lease Bill should be used to aid Russia. Workers should be approached on backing aid to Russia in their Unions."

Confidential Informant T-2, who has previously furnished reliable information to this office, furnished information concerning the activities of ALEXANDER LEO-TRACHTENBERG, prominent COMMUNIST PARTY functionary, and stated that on October 10, 1942 LOUIS BUDENZ, of the DAILY WORKER, conferred with ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG relative to plans then under way to increase the circulation of the DAILY WORKER. According to Informant, BUDENZ stated, "We must penetrate the mass organization in communities to increase the DAILY WORKER'S circulation. We must inform the counties to use the method used by "New Masses", that is to say, if any of the branches wish to have a speaker during the election campaign we will require them to first obtain 10 subscriptions. It is

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"known that the 'Masses' got hundreds of subscriptions from the IWO this way, and there is no reason why it can't be used by the worker." BUDENZ stated that he himself was writing a chain letter to one hundred people asking for their subscriptions and requesting that in addition they obtain subscriptions from five or six others. BUDENZ stated that it was necessary that they call a meeting in the counties to discuss the problem of bringing the Worker to the people; that the problem of O.C.D. was considered a ticklish one. BUDENZ stated, "Sometimes wardens meet in PARTY Headquarters and we should establish here reading circles and discussion groups on the press. You know we are opening a lot of PARTY branches and it appears to me that we should install window news bulletin boards like the New York Times and others, which must be exhibited publicly in these county headquarters; likewise, a bulletin board should be set up in the IWO headquarters." BUDENZ also stated that they must get women interested in subscribing to the Worker.

Confidential Informant T-3, who has previously furnished information of value which was found to be reliable, advised that on June 5, 1942 ROY HUDSON, a prominent COMMUNIST PARTY functionary, is reported to have contacted LOUIS BUDENZ and conferred with him as to what had come through from Washington. It is reported by the informant that BUDENZ advised HUDSON that a permanent AF of L and CIO committee to look after organic unity in the light of joint working of labor for the war effort has been requested. Furthermore, that the question of the Western Front was given adequate attention. In this connection informant reported that BUDENZ further advised HUDSON that a telegram had been sent to both President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill congratulating them on the bombing of Germany, thus indicating that this is a prelude to offensive action to carry the war to German territory. He added that he feels that this is a tacit expression of a desire for a Western Front. HUDSON is reported by the informant to have stated that the whole story should be played up and positively stressed.

Confidential National Defense Informant Tom R, whose identity is known to the Bureau, submitted information to this office on February 10, 1942 containing information concerning a rally held by the COMMUNIST PARTY on February 8, 1942, in Manhattan Center, New York City, in celebration of the 18th anniversary of the DAILY WORKER. Informant stated that LOUIS BUDENZ was one of the main speakers and that "BUDENZ gave the WORKER credit for the social gains made by American labor, such as unemployment insurance and the growth of trade union membership from two million at the time the WORKER was published to 12 million today.

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Confidential/Informant Anna Addison, whose identity is known to the Bureau, submitted a report dated August 8, 1942, concerning a meeting at the Manhattan Plaza, 66 East 45th Street, New York City, on

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August 7, 1942. Informant reported that this meeting was held under the auspices of the New York County functionaries of the COMMUNIST PARTY. Admission to this meeting was by invitation only, and it was noted by informant that each person who entered the meeting was closely watched. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was the speaker concerning the opening of a second front, and LOUIS BUDENZ spoke as Editor of the DAILY WORKER, and told how the paper was made up.

Confidential National Defense Informant Tom Ward, whose identity is known to the Bureau, submitted a report dated August 6, 1942 concerning a COMMUNIST PARTY meeting held at the Diplomat Hotel, 108 West 43rd Street, New York City, which meeting was called by the State Committee of the COMMUNIST PARTY, and informant reported that WILLIAM FOSTER was the main speaker. Admission was by invitation only, and BUDENZ, Managing Editor of the DAILY WORKER, was one of the speakers and started his speech with an attack on Congressman MARTIN DIES, and stated that if the Poll Tax Congressman wants to have the WORKER suppressed, it is all the more reason that the laboring class should read it. Informant reported that BUDENZ then reviewed the WORKER from the front page through all the writers who contributed their columns, and he said that in some instances the news service that the WORKER uses are days ahead of the New York Times, which is considered as having the best news service in the world.

Through a strictly confidential source, it was ascertained that on December 23, 1942 LOUIS BUDENZ, Editor of the Daily Worker, speaking at the regular meeting of the Waterfront Section of the COMMUNIST PARTY, stated that the Yugoslavian situation is a key to post war problems, and that it is a test case. He is reported to have gone on to reprove the United States and the British for supporting a "reactionary regime and opposing a people's movement". Informant stated that BUDENZ went on to say that in addition to the "Partisans" in Yugoslavia, guerrilla bands are now commencing operations in France, Italy and Spain, and that the British and The Americans must support and not oppose the people's movements. On the question of labor unity, BUDENZ is reported to have stated that now, when the "temporary capitalist governments" are engaged in a joint peoples effort, the time is "ripe" for complete "advocacy of international trade union unity. BUDENZ then speculated on the degree of success that Socialism will attain "when the capitalist rulers are removed".

The files of the New York Office reflect a list of COMMUNIST PARTY Clubs participating in the WORKER Subscription Drive, which was covered in the DAILY WORKER on January 23, 1943. Under the Borough of Queens is listed the 3rd Assembly District, 105-02 Northern Boulevard, Corona, Long Island, and the officers are listed as LOUIS BUDENZ and ANN RIVINGTON.

Confidential Informant T-4, who is considered reliable by this office and who has previously furnished reliable information, advised on January 5, 1943 that SAM DARCY, who is known to the New York Field Division as a COMMUNIST functionary of Philadelphia, Pa., conferred with JOHN

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✓ WILLIAMSON at the National Headquarters of the COMMUNIST PARTY concerning speakers for a Lenin Memorial Meeting and other meetings. Informant reported that SAM DARCY asked WILLIAMSON to try to get two people to act as speakers. SAM DARCY mentioned several names as prospective speakers and among the list was LOUIS BUDENZ.

✓ By letter dated November 8, 1941, the San Francisco Field Division advised that in connection with the review of the WESTERN WORKER, which was the official publication of the West Coast COMMUNIST PARTY until it ceased publications in 1938, the following quoted article was noted on Page 3 of the issue dated October 7, 1935, which is as follows:

"New York, October 4. LOUIS BUDENZ, well known labor organizer and former executive secretary of the American Workers' Party, has announced his affiliation with the COMMUNIST PARTY.

"The veteran strike leader declared the Communist International is 'the sole challenge to the capitalist world' and appealed to all workers to join the united front movement against war and fascism. He denounced the merger of the American Workers' Party with the Trotskyites as giving conclusive proof of the intrinsic weakness of the former group."

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Will report additional activities and associations of subject with the COMMUNIST PARTY;

Will report additional speeches given by the subject, who is a key figure in the New York Field Division.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The confidential informants referred to in the foregoing report of Special Agent Louis Francis Budenz, dated September 21, 1943 at New York, N. Y.:

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  - T-2 - NYT 3, whose identity is known to the Bureau.
  - T-3 - NYT 22, whose identity is known to the Bureau.
  - T-4 - NYT 26, whose identity is known to the Bureau.